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Chapter 50: My Beloved Little Sister

“Shit, Shit!!

Currently, I was cursing in a long corridor, shrouded in darkness.

“.....Princess, we have secured the criminal suspected of treason. We’re waiting for your next order.”

Suddenly, a part of the darkness was distorted, and out of it, my own subordinate appeared and reported.

“I’ll head there immediately.”

“.....Affirmative.”

In the room I was brought to by my subordinate, there was a single man constricted by sturdy chains.

“Hey you, where did you take my little sister.”

I grabbed that man by the lapels and shook him with force.

“Like hell I’m going to tell you!”

“.....Hah?”

I lifted up the man’s body while giving him a chilling glare to show that I could kill him any time I wanted.

“.....I-I just did it because I was ordered to.....”

“I didn’t ask about that!! Hurry up an’ tell me where my little sister is!!”

“S-she’s in the humans’ country!!”

In front of the enraged me, the man all too quickly leaked the information and desperately struggled to distance himself from me, but on top of being restrained, he had been grabbed by the collar so it was all in vain.

“The humans’ country, you say.....?”

In the past, I have been brought along several times to the humans’ country.

Even now, I remember the good public order they had despite the huge amount of people there. Upon hearing that my little sister was located there, it was only a little but I was able to feel relief.

If it's the humans' country, even my oblivious and innocent little sister is likely to be safe.

“.....And so, you sent her to the humans' country?”

“Ehh..... Ah.....uU.”

However, the man seemed hesitant to say any more, he tried to talk but by no means did anything come out afterwards.

“Aren't ya gonna hurry up and speak!!!!”

At that time, the man's collar rips.

I probably put too much power in my grip by mistake, losing my patience at the man who seemed to continue not talking like that indefinitely.

“A-actually, when I sent her to the humans' country, I.. I made her take a poison designed to put her to death.....”

“What'd ya say!?”

Then I don't have the time to be doing this now, do I!?

As fast as possible, I must locate her and somehow cure her.

“Princess, what shall I do with this fellow.”

“.....We might still be able to get some information from him. Leave him as he is for a while. After this, I must head to the humans' country for a while.”

After I left word with my subordinate who was handling the treatment of the man, I made my preparations and departed from the castle towards the humans' country within the day.

I'm coming to save you soon, so just wait a little bit longer!!

My beloved little sister, *Lily*——

Chapter 51: Actually, it's my first time

“Fu~unfufu~un”

I am currently humming while preparing breakfast.
For the sake of not repeating yesterday's tragedy, breakfast duty was switched from Tré and now I am in charge of cooking.

“G-good morning.”

“Hm?”

When I turned around because of the beautiful, clear voice I heard, it appeared that the saint had awakened and she was standing there.

“Ah, good morning Saint-sama.”

Although I was surprised at the sudden appearance of the saint, properly returning her greeting was good etiquette.

“Um, I've been thinking for a while, but you stopped using honorifics in order to conceal that I'm the saint, didn't you...?”

“Eh, well, I guess so.....?”

“Then, wouldn't calling me [Saint-sama] defeat that purpose?”

“.....Ah.”

Now that you mention it, that's certainly true. Or rather, what was it that I wanted to do?

“Er.. Well then, Luna.....?”

I frantically tried to recall the saint's real name, that she had supposedly told me yesterday, from the depths of my memory.

“Yes, please use that.”

On that note, I realise that I haven't introduced myself yet and so I do so in a

rush.

“M-my name is Arnest. Those who I’m close to, or rather, recently nearly everyone has been calling me Nest.”

“Understood. It’s a pleasure to meet you, Nest-san.”

“Ah, yeah, nice to meet you.....”

She seemed to have said my name cheerfully but as expected, her beauty could compete for the first or second position among the people I’ve met until now, so I unintentionally averted my eyes when replying.

“Um.. And so, what are you doing now, Nest-san?”

Since we were able to verify the manner of calling each other’s names, I thought she would leave just like that. But the person in question, Luna, looked at my cooking figure with a very curious look on her face.

“.....you ask what, but I’m just cooking though.”

I replied as such, with the implication of ‘to think you really didn’t know?’

“.....I-I do know that much, and even I can do it!”

Maybe because she noticed me slyly implying such a meaning in my words, Luna did a complete change from the cheerful mood she had until just now and scowled at me.

“Heh, then do you want to try?”

By all means, I’d like to try the cooking made by the saint, Luna. After I promptly cleaned up what I was making just now, I turn the kitchen over to Luna.

“.....”

And then she started cooking in silence.

.....I wonder what she’s going to make here.

I watched from behind as Luna was cooking, but I couldn’t understand what she wanted to make at all.

It wasn’t something that that could be seen from its appearance, and yet it

wasn't something that could be grasped from its aroma either.

Thinking that I might not be able to taste it when she's finished cooking if I look any more than this, I quietly sat on a chair and laid my head on the table.

"..... t-san..... st-san.. Nest-san."

".....hm.....?"

When I opened my eyes, a dazzling light entered my vision.

It seems that I had fallen asleep while waiting for the cooking to be finished.

"I-it's done."

Saying that, Luna put the plate, on which she probably served the cooking, on the table.

.....I wonder what it is.

I couldn't grasp what it was during its creation, but even now I am unable to guess what she has made.

"Th-then I'll have a bite."

Though I felt nervous, I slowly ate a mouthful of Luna's cooking.

"H-how is it.....?"

Luna requested my impressions but, this is.....terrible.....

And what's worse is that unlike Tré, it's not at a level that can't be eaten.

".....Luna, the things you've cooked until now are.....?"

"I-I'm sorry. This is.. my first time..."

From the looks of that cooking, whether it be fact or whatever, it could be immediately understood that this was a beginner's level of cooking.

"Sigh, then it would have been fine to just say that from the start."

"B-but.."

While feeling despondent, Luna timidly takes a bite of her own cooking.

"Uu, this tastes really bad....."

And just from eating one mouthful, both of us avoided eating any more of it. However, it might be due to her being greatly frustrated at the results of her own cooking, but even now she had her head cast down while staring at her

cooking, with a mood like she was going to burst into tears.

“Sigh, Luna.”

While breathing a sigh, I called out to the gloomily sitting Luna.

“.....What is it?”

Finally taking her eyes off her own cooking, she turned her weepy-looking face towards me.

“Ah, if you’re fine with something simple, I can teach you to cook, but will you try?”

This was probably the best consolation I could do for the sad Luna. Luna can decide for herself whether she will do it or not.

“Is that true!?”

Just now, her face brightened up with the hope of possibly being able to become able to cook while looking at me. It seemed like it was a success.

“Well even though I said I’ll teach you, we first need to clean up.”

“Ah.....”

“I-I did it.....!!”

That was the nth time since I first started teaching Luna to cook. Laying on the table in front of our eyes was, a misshapen and yet something that could properly pass as cooking was sitting there. Even the scent entering my nose, was aromatic.

“Th-then let’s try eating it.”

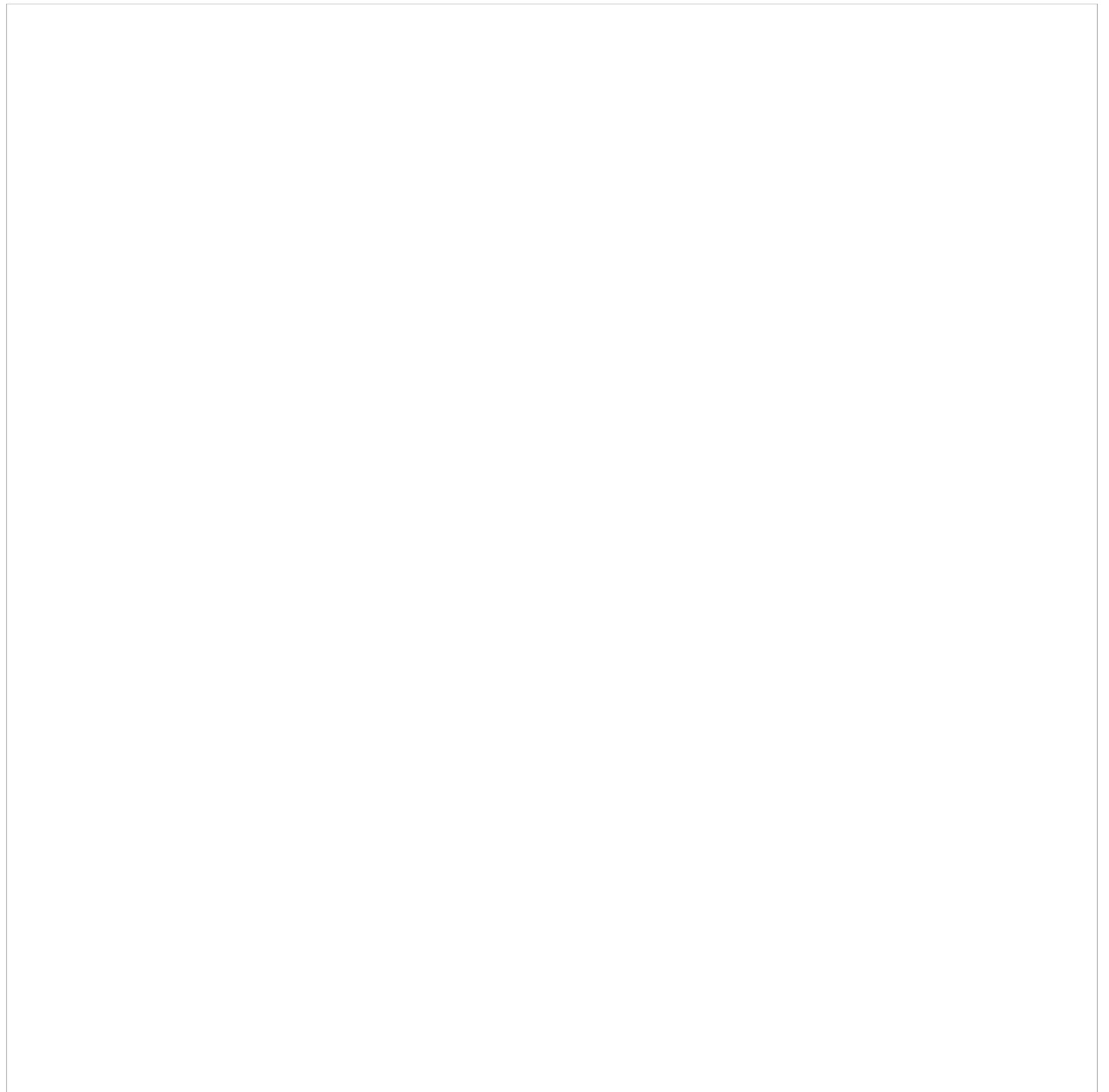
And then, we both simultaneously had a bite of it. After fully savouring it with our tastebuds, we finally swallowed.

“.....It’s normal.”

“.....It is normal.”

“Which means.....?”

“.....It’s a success!!”



To be honest, it was probably below-average.
However, Luna, who has never cooked until today, has grown this much.
We were both filled with delight as we ate all the remains.

“Haa, isn’t that good, you’ve come to be able to cook.”
“Yes!! It really is good!!”

Luna nodded while smiling her biggest smile to date. This time I didn’t turn away and managed to return the smile properly.

“Well then, it should be alright to leave the other two’s portions up to you, Luna.”
“Yes, please leave it to me!!”

Having left the cooking to Luna, I stood up from my seat and was about to head to the room to wake up the still sleeping king and Tré, but when I realised, Tré was already standing behind me.

“.....”

Tré continued standing silently.

“Oh, well if isn’t it Tré. You happened to wake up and come at the right moment so I was surprised.”

“.....”

Even though she should have heard my voice, Tré was looking down silently.

“Er... Tré.....?”

I timidly call out to Tré who was unlike usual.

“.....What I wasn’t able to manage so far, is indeed possible normally.....”

“.....”

Hearing Tré’s words, I finally understood the reason for Tré’s strange state. Tré, who had been continuously practicing until now, felt down about the fact that Luna easily surpassed her.

We probably didn’t realise, but Tré might have been watching our situation from even earlier on.

.....N-now then, how should I console her.....

If I say something clumsily then it might have the opposite effect.

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“T-Tré.”

Having found the words I ought to say right now, I gently grasped Tré’s shoulder.

“.....Master.....”

Tré also stares back fixedly at me.

The words I ought to say right now are——

“Everyone is suited for different things, so it can’t be helped.”

Tré confined herself in her room for quite a while.

Chapter 52: Scruffy~!!

“Tré~ Hey, Tré~”

“.....”

It seemed like my best consolation efforts had failed, and Tré had confined herself in her room.

There’s no response even when I call out to her.

Luna was worried that she caused this situation, so I told her not to worry about it and that everything would be fine. But at this rate, Tré may not be leaving her room for a while.

Since there’s nothing else I can do, I gave up temporarily, hoping that Lily and Aura will be able to comfort Tré when they get back, or that time will heal it.

Right now, I had Luna preparing the breakfast for the king, so I should leave Tré for now and wake the king up.

Thus, I came before the normally unused room that the king was currently using.

“Your Majesty, are you awake?”

“.....Yeah, I’m up.”

After a short pause, I heard the soft voice of the king. It seems he was awake.

“Breakfast will be ready soon, so it’ll be good if you get ready soon.”

“Got it.”

I wait in front of the door for a while, and finally the king exits from within the room, having finished changing clothes.

By the way, the clothes were mine.

However, it seems that the king hadn’t finished getting ready completely, since a few strands of bed hair was standing out on his head.

“Then, shall we go?”

Leading the king, I head to the place where I had been just now.

As we approach, the nice aroma of the cooking starts to drift our way, and the

king also becomes aware of that aroma.

“.....O-oh, it’s Luna.”

When the king noticed Luna’s existence, he seemed somewhat surprised.
.....Ah, when I think about it, yesterday he fainted before meeting her, so he didn’t know about Luna being here.

“Good morning, Father.”

“N-now, what is Luna.....?”

And, as one should expect, he showed even more surprise at seeing Luna’s cooking figure than when he noticed her existence.

“Luna, have you ever cooked before today.....?”

“No? Today, I was taught by Nest-san and was allowed to try for the first time.”

The king’s face pales when he heard those words.
I dare say, he probably remembered the cooking from yesterday.
.....The king seemed reluctant to eat it, so I, together with Luna, made him eat the food. Impressed by the results of the cooking his daughter made, the king suddenly burst into dance. Anyway, all I can say is that it was quite a big deal.

“To think the day would come where I could eat my daughter’s home cooking.....!!”

Now drinking tea after our meal, the king’s excitement had yet to lessen. As expected, Luna also gave a wry smile when she saw her own father’s state like that.

“I’m home~!!”

At that moment, Lily’s lively voice was suddenly heard from the entrance. It was easy to tell that those clearly resounding footsteps were gradually approaching this way.

In the next instant, the door was opened vigorously.

“Welcome home, Lily.”

I pat the head of Lily, who came rushing to me with such spirit.

“Hm, a guest?”

She asks me while having her head pat, seemingly feeling good.
I suppose she’s talking about Luna and the king.

“Yeah, we have visitors.

When I finish patting her head, Lily looks up in wonder at the king, who was a little closer than Luna.

“.....Scruffy~~!!”

Lily springs at the king’s bed hair.
It was so sudden that no one was able to respond, and even the king ends up letting Lily do so.
I pull Lily away from the king right away.

“L-Lily, suddenly doing that sort of thing is no good, wouldn’t you agree.....?”

Luckily, the king didn’t seem to mind it much, so for now I make Lily introduce herself and apologise.

“Well, uh.. I’m Lily. And I’m sorry for pulling your hair.”

“M-mnn. I didn’t really mind it so you don’t have to worry about it either, okay?”

The king kindly calls out to the apologising Lily.
Thereupon, Lily once again tries to leap upon the king as if misunderstanding something, so I had her stop.

“Come to think of it, where’s Aura?”

She was supposed to be with Lily, but Lily was alone when she returned.

“Well you see, Aura-oneechan said that she has something to talk to Asha-san about.”

While Lily sat on my lap like she is often seen doing, she tells me about Aura’s whereabouts.

“Mn, understood.”

Well, since *that kind of thing* happened before, she probably has all sorts of things to consult Asha-san about.

Which reminds me, in the end, I still don't really understand *that* matter of Asha-san's either.....

Knock-knock— —

"Hm?"

While I'm feeling troubled, I hear the sound of knocking at the door from the direction of the entrance, unlike during Lily's return.

"Ah, I'll go have a look."

When I think about this lineup, letting other people go is a little difficult.

Knock-knock— —

When I move towards the entrance, there is another knock at the door.

"I'm coming."

What I saw when I slowly opened the door was something I've seen many times before. Covered in dirt, people wearing knight's armour were standing there beyond the open door.

".....I'm sorry for being so abrupt, but have you seen some people with a seemingly high stature, near here?"

In regards to people with a seemingly high stature, without a doubt, there's first Luna, the saint, or the king, or otherwise the both of them.

"Yes, in that case they're probably inside."

"Is that true!?"

Reacting to my words and raising a loud voice, was the one who appears to be the the most distinguished of them.

"Y-yes. Err...you're certainly referring to the saint and the king, right?"

"Yes! That's right!!"

Despite being slightly surprised by that vigour, I, having been requested to fetch them, return to call the two waiting inside.

"Hey, people who seem like Your Majesty's guards have come though....."

"Ah!"

When I convey that the guards have come, Luna raises her voice as if recalling something.

“.....Speaking of which, I came here because I was told by Mother to bring Father back.”

“.....Couldn't you have said that sort of thing earlier.....?”

After hurriedly finished sorting their respective belongings, they head to the entrance where the guardsmen were waiting.

“.....We were quite indebted, you have our gratitude.”

The king gives thanks, as if representing everyone.

“No, no, likewise, it's an honour to be of help to you, Your Majesty.”

Since the guards were also here now, I make use of the limited honorifics I can use to respond.

“.....well then, until next time.”

Saying such parting words, the king was likely returning to the capital. I thought to see them off until they were out of sight, but when they had reached a distance, the king comes back here on his own.

“..... Haa, come to think of it, I forgot to hand this over. The name is already written on it, so by all means, please use it.”

While being short of breath, he passed me some kind of black object. When I look closely, it was a black cloak of finer quality than the one I used when I was the 'Jet-Black Saviour'.

“Thanks, it helps.”

Since mine was just at the point where it's covered in cuts, I gratefully accept it.

Having given the black cloak, the king returns with everyone this time for sure.

.....Speaking of which, he said the name was written on the black cloak.

With this and that, I never got to ask the king's name in the end, so I should have a look.....

I search for the king's name, that was likely written on the interior of the black cloak.

And then I was finally able to find it.

“.....”

There, was written as such— —

‘Jet-Black Saviour-sama’

.....Sigh, should I throw it away?

Chapter 53: It's payback for before

"Everyone's gone home now~"

"Yeah~"

Lily and I are the only two left now that Luna and the king have returned to the capital.

We had plenty of free time once we finished cleaning up the remains of our breakfast.

"Ah, speaking of which, a number of things happened and Tré's feeling down at the moment. I'm sorry, but can you go comfort her?"

Lily should have more success, and I want Tré to cheer up as soon as possible.

"Okay!!"

Heeding my request, Lily races towards Tré's room.

.....I expect it to go well with Tré with that attitude, but now I'm left by myself.

".....Sigh.....Today was a rather busy day....."

Those words unintentionally spilled from my mouth.

"Oh, did you really have that much trouble?"

".....Eh?"

I hadn't been talking to anyone in particular and had simply been talking to myself just then, but suddenly there was a response from behind.

"A-Asha-san.....?"

When I timidly turned around, standing before me was the one who always took care of me at the guild, Asha-san.

"Yes, it's me, Asha. It's been since yesterday, hasn't it."

"Y-yes....."

I don't know how she came all the way here without making a sound but as

one would expect, I was very surprised.

“Err...S-so can I help you with anything.....?”

It was only after I asked about helping that I remembered what Asha-san had done to me before.

I felt my face heat up slowly.

“Yes. Actually, it’s about Aura-san but.....”

Asha-san informs me, while I was in such a state.

Although it may seem rude to Aura, my heated face gradually cools down when I hear it.

Calmly thinking about it, Lily did tell me about Aura talking to Asha-san, so it’s reasonable for Asha-san to be seeking me about that. I guess she had some funny misunderstanding.

“Um... Nest-san, you... did you do that... with Aura-san.....?”

Asha-san asks somewhat hesitantly, turning her face away.

“.....P-probably.....”

I doubt Aura would have told her that much, so without knowing how much Asha-san knows, I found it difficult to confess and succumb to embarrassment.

“As I expected, even Aura-san finds it embarrassing so.....”

“Y-yeah.....”

As expected, I should have stopped playing dead sooner back then.....
Then the situation wouldn’t have become like this.

“And so, like this... f-for me as well... it might be difficult to continue our usual livelihood so——

——Please forget about it.”

“!?”

The moment I heard Asha-san’s words, my head was struck from behind.
When I try look wondering what it was, Aura was there, holding some kind of hard-looking blunt weapon.

“Wha!? Aura, what are you.....!?”

“To make someone forget, the best method is to hit their head... is what I heard so.....”

W-who taught Aura such unnecessary things!?

“A-as if I could forget just like—!?”

While I was talking to Aura, my head was struck from behind again.

“E-even Asha-san— ! ?”

“I’m sorry, I also ended up doing something a little audacious so please forget everything.”

“I-is this for real.....”

My head wasn’t accustomed to getting injured, but luckily it didn’t hurt. Nevertheless, I couldn’t concentrate on healing very well, perhaps because my head was being swung at with all their strength.

“H-how about we calm down for now?”

I frantically try to escape from the demonic hands of the two holding blunt weapons.

“Don’t run and be hit obediently!!”

“No way, that’s unreasonable! There’s no way I would forget just like that, right!?”

I aim for an escape route upon being driven to the wall.

“Uwah!?”

It was at such a moment. I was caught from behind by a separate pair of hands.

“It’s payback for before.....”

“T-Tré!?”

Who knew Tré would join the battle? I was caught by the enemy.

“Fufufu... Just accept it Nest.....”

“Nest-san, please be at ease. We’ll be as gentle as possible.....”

“N-N-NOOOOOOoooOOooooo!!”

And starting from those words, I could hear the voices gradually growing

softer and eventually becoming completely inaudible——

“nn.....mn.....?”

“Oh, you’re awake?”

It seems I fell asleep without realising it after the king’s party returned, with Aura returning in the meantime.

“Yeah, welcome back Aura.”

I don’t know why, but I feel as though it’s been a while since I talked to Aura.

“I’m home. Hey Nest, that..... d-do you have any recollection of doing something with me that seemed embarrassing.....?”

Aura asks me, her face turning slightly red for some reason.

“.....No? I don’t remember anything though.....”

“Th-that’s good then. You don’t have to worry about it then.”

Aura makes a somewhat relieved face when she hears my words, her hand patting her chest.

“Th-then I have something to do now so.....”

Eventually she started talking and then left immediately afterwards, heading off somewhere.

.....I feel like I had gotten mixed up in something, but nothing stood out with everything the same as usual, so I guess it was just my misunderstanding? I suppose the feeling of my face being a little swollen was also——

——just my imagination, right?

Chapter 54: It's really big so it feels good

“Alright, we’re starting~!”

We’re providing medical treatment at the guild now, for the first time in a while.

.....At any rate, I was surprised before.

I saw my face in the mirror when I went to wash my face in the morning and it was swollen red for some reason.

Surprised, I tried asking the knowledgeable Aura-sensei about it and was told that I was bitten by a blood-sucking bug during the night.

Well, it was immediately fixed by healing so it wasn’t very serious.

“Yeah! We’re counting on you for today as well!”

Now then, our first customer of the day has come, so I should concentrate on healing——

“Haa.....finally, we’re almost done.....”

We finally managed to finish treating most of the people in line by lunchtime.

“Aura, Tré, you two can go ahead and get lunch~”

Tré or I need to remain in case there are customers coming urgently, so this combination was inevitable.

“Okay, but we’ll come back as soon as possible.”

Saying that, Tré and Aura leave the guild.

The one who remained, Lily, sits on my lap and closes her eyes in pleasure.

“Then next person, please~”

And so, I resume the treatment once again.

“Hey, thanks for the good work, kiddo.”

When there was a rare pause in customer traffic, as if everyone was having lunch, a few of the adventurers who often come for treatment came and

started a conversation.

I don't see any injuries at a glance, so they've probably come just to chat.

"Mn, I'm going off to pick some flowers for a bit!"

At that moment, Lily gets off my lap, using the secret code she recently learned from Aura.

"Alright."

Thinking that they'll be able to talk about more things without Lily there, the adventurers see her off too.

"There we go.....so Kiddo, who's your favourite after all.....?"

One of the men down leans forward while beginning to talk.

"Err, for what.....?"

But unfortunately, I didn't understand what he meant at all.

".....I don't really know what you mean about favourite though?"

"Seriously....."

The men make a shocked face, but I don't know what I don't know so it can't be helped.

"Sigh. In other words, it's that. I'm talking about who you'd like to do the most."

"Huh!?"

No wait, it's odd. I don't know why he'd suddenly talk about that.

"Cos you always have three cute girls with you, ya see? Well, two still look like kids so it seems as though you'll only be able to milk one of 'em, but according to the rumours, you've even gotten pretty close to Asha-san from the guild, right?"

"W-well certainly, I can't deny that everyone is cute but....."

Nevertheless, the conversation didn't advance so well.

I'm no different from the commoners around here, and they won't let me do it

anyway.

“Huh!? Are you even a man, Kiddo? Y-you couldn’t be.....do you prefer men.....?”

“That’s wrong!?”

I hurriedly deny to the men who were backing away as they assumed incorrectly.

What will I do if a weird rumour starts from that?

“Hahaha, isn’t it obvious that I’m joking?”

“Give me a break.....”

Really, it doesn’t sound like a joke.

“I’m back~!!”

As I sigh, Lily returns after picking flowers and sits on my lap.

“Ne, what were you talking about~?”

She smiles innocently while asking us, but I can’t tell her about the current conversation.

As I expect, the men should be restraining themselves in front of a child.

“I was asking about the relationship between Lily-chan and this Onii-chan.”

One of the men gallantly inform Lily

.....It was almost immoral, but that should barely be on the safe side.

“Hm? Relationship with Nest?”

“Th-that’s right. These uncles are quite obstinate, you know. Please tell them.”

Lily probably won’t say anything strange, or more precisely, I haven’t done anything in reality.

“Let’s see~ Lily is.. on top of Nest~?”

“””Huh?”””

“On top of Nest is, you see, it’s really big so it feels good~”

W-wait a minute?

What is Lily saying?

Could she be referring to ‘on top of my lap’?

“.....To think Kiddo was that kind of guy.”

“Th-then, even about liking men is.....”

“How fearsome.....”

Gradually, the surrounding men distance themselves from me.
The agile ones have reached the guild entrance already.

“Then, I-I’m going ahead.”

“G-good luck, okay.....?”

And then they each scatter about, each saying as they please.

“I-it’s a MISUNDERSTANDINGGGGGggggggg!!!”

But it was too late, there was no one to respond to my shout——

By the next day, rumours had spread about me being a lolicon pervert.

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Chapter 55: A ‘Lolicon Pervert’

“.....Sigh.”

“M-master, don’t feel so down.”

Right now I am shopping with Tré.

I had confined myself at home because of the “lolicon pervert” rumour flying around.

Apparently Tré and Aura had worked hard to dispel the misunderstanding in the meantime.

This time I’m accompanying Tré as a reward for that.

But once a rumour has spread, it won’t disappear so easily.

Even now, I sense fleeting glances trying to peek over as I walk with Tré.

“.....Sigh.....”

I breathed a second sigh to relieve some of the depression caused by that.

“Master, I want to go there.”

Saying that, the place Tré pointed to was the store in which we bought clothes before.

Which reminds me, until now I still haven’t seen her wearing those clothes.

I wonder just when the time will come.....

“Alright, then let’s go there.”

But because we came as a reward for Tré, I need to do my best to satisfy her! I thought enthusiastically, as I was led by the hand by Tré.

“Err, Tré.....?”

“.....”

As we entered the store, Tré gazed at all the different commodities set out as if she was looking for something, but she didn’t choose any clothing at all.

I call out to her but seeming to be in deep concentration, she didn’t even respond to my voice.

Since it seems as though it will take time, I decide to pick out clothing to give to

Aura and Lily, and reluctantly drift away from Tré for the moment.

Last time, it was due to this reason that I had to proceed to this store a total of two times, so this time I decided to return with clothes for them purchased beforehand.

“Hmm, I don’t know.....”

Maybe it was because I am male, or perhaps it was simply that I was ignorant of this kind of fashion because I was just a hillbilly, but I didn’t know what would be good to buy for Aura and Lily at all.

“Excuse me, do you have clothing that is recently in fashion for girls?”

I’ll make no progress if I continue like this, so I resolutely ask the shopkeeper.

“Huh, in fashion.....?”

The shopkeeper’s face cramps a little as she verifies with me. The reaction just now was just her being surprised because a male was buying women’s clothing, but it definitely shouldn’t appear as though I am guilty of the rumoured ‘lolicon pervert’ or anything by any means. Yeah, absolutely.

“I-I wish to buy presents but.....?”

That’s why this definitely doesn’t mean I was thinking of explaining the misunderstanding or anything either, okay?

“I-in that case, lately the commodities over here have been popular with everyone.”

The shopkeeper tells me, indicating the location of the clothing which are recently in fashion with her hand.

When I examined the price, they seem to cost a decent amount, but I, who is earning money at the guild, can afford it.

“Thank you very much. I will have a look.”

After saying my thanks, the shopkeeper leaves in a big hurry.I’m sure she’s just busy with work.....

“Hm, how about this?~”

I tried looking for various items in the area where the shopkeeper told me the recent fashion were, but nothing distinctly caught my eye.

Perhaps my senses were strange, but I don't really understand why this stuff is popular.

With this and that, it seems quite some time had passed without us realising, and soon it will be lunch time.

On Tré's side, she still appeared to be searching so I look around inside the store

".....Hmm.....?"

Suddenly, I happen to see a shelf with clothing set up in an inconspicuous location.

Curious about those clothes which seemed to have some unnaturalness, I draw closer.

Unlike the fashion I've seen until now, there were clothes that caught my eye somehow placed there.

".....Let's go with this."

Even therein, I pick up another piece of clothing that catches my eye.
.....This will be Aura's share, I guess.

".....And maybe this one for Lily."

I rapidly decide, as if my wavering just now was a lie.
In the end, having come this far, I select one more piece of clothing, thinking it will be Tré's share.

Having finished choosing, I head towards the counter but on the way there, Tré hands me something saying, "this is good," as if she had finished deciding as well.

"Umm... This is?"

What Tré handed to me was made of a thin fabric, looked a little blackish on the whole, and yet was clothing that looked like the top and bottom parts of women's underwear.

"This is clothing to be worn while in the water called a 'swimsuit', apparently. It copes with both cold water and hot water so with this we can enter the baths

together.....”

“Oh, that’s amazing.”

In that case, I’ll be able to enter the baths with Tré without any worries. I bring to the counter, the swimsuit I received from Tré, and the clothes I bought for presents, totalling to four pieces.

“.....S-so you’ll be buying this, I see.....”

For some reason, the shopkeeper uttered something when I was when paying the bill, but well, I managed to buy some good items so let’s ignore that. And thus, we left the shop, holding the paper bag containing the clothes.

Chapter 56: Can we enter the bath?

“We’re back~”

After Tré and I went shopping, we had lunch at a shop reputed to be delicious, and then killed some time.

When it became evening, it seemed like the perfect time to return home.

“Welcome back~!”

Lily came to the entrance to greet us.

“Huh, where’s Aura?”

If it was like usual, Aura would come to the entrance despite being later than Lily. But today she didn’t, for some reason.

“Aura-oneechan is cooking at the moment.”

“Ah, come to think of it, Aura is in charge of dinner today.”

“Aura, we’re home.”

I say to Aura who was in the middle of cooking, after having come here from the entrance.

“Ah, welcome home.”

Aura replies, simply turning her head this way.

Having conveyed our return to Aura, I retreat to my room for the time being.

“Ahh, it was delicious.”

Now, I have returned alone to my room, after we all finished eating the dinner Aura made.

We weren’t able to cook until a little while ago, but now everyone has become quite skilful in terms of cooking, well, apart from Tré who is still like *that*.

The cooking that Aura made today was also delicious, and I also have high hopes for Lily who is in charge of tomorrow’s breakfast.

Knock-knock

“.....Hm, who is it?”

While I was resting on my bed, there was a knock at the door.
I turn and call out towards the door.

“It’s me, can I come in.....?”

It seems like Tré has come to my room.

“It’s alright, you can enter.”

It’s not like I was doing anything in particular that it would cause problems if she entered, so I call her in.

Tré entered, with the swimsuit we just bought today in hand.

“.....I have this now so.. can we enter the bath?”

Tré spoke bashfully, but she clearly conveyed her wishes.

“Ah well, I guess it’s fine.”

So far I have continued to fail when bathing with Tré, but today we bought the swimsuit for that purpose so there shouldn’t be anything to worry about.. I retrieved my own change of clothes, and headed to the bath house together with Tré.

I had Tré change into her swimsuit and go to the bath before me, then I quickly made my preparations for entering the bath.

I neatly wrapped a towel around my waist, and also made sure to bring the bathing equipment.

“.....Alright! Let’s go!”

With such enthusiasm, I head to the bath where Tré was ready and waiting.

“O-ooh.....”

The swimsuit Tré was wearing had unexpectedly high destructive power. The special fabric that was dyed black clung to her body distinctly and Tré’s figure could clearly be seen.

If it was when I just left the village it might be no good, but having gotten a little familiar with girls in town, at this level, I can do it——!!

“Haa... Entering the bath together is..... so nice.....”

Speaking of the result, it was perfect.

There were places I couldn't wash due to the swimsuit, but apart from that, I was able to wash her with an easy victory.

And then Tré also rinsed my back, calling it a return favour, and now we soaked in the accumulated hot water together.

“.....Mn, I also feel good.....”

Tré also had an expression of rapture and she submerged her body in the water.

With this, it's fine to enter together every day.

Indeed, having a girl rinse one's back would please any guy.

“That swimsuit is amazing~

Wrapping Tré's body, I was staring at the swimsuit that was gradually lightening in colour.

“.....Huh?”

T-the colour is lightening?

Was it just my mistake, I feel like the swimsuit's blackness was gradually lightening somehow and becoming transparent.

“H-hey, Tré.....? I feel like that swimsuit is somehow lightening in colour but.....?”

At my inquiry, Tré turns towards me with a curious look.

“.....? Isn't this that sort of thing.....?”

——Eh?

“Uhh... Swimsuits lighten in colour when entering baths together, they are clothes for noble purveyors who like that sort of thing but.....?”

“.....”

“Some time ago, I was told by adventurer people that this sort of thing would be good for entertainment if I wanted to cheer Master up, so.....”

“.....A-are you serious.....”

That was dangerous.

At this rate it will become completely transparent, and I might collapse like last

time.

“I-I’ll be getting up first, okay?”

“I-I’m exhausted.....”

After getting changed in the changing room, I headed to my room and directly collapsed onto the bed.

“A-as far as it goes, I did enter the bath with Tré until the end, right?”

It was a swimsuit with some traps but even when I think back upon it, I did properly enter the bath with Tré, and it wasn’t all bad, right?

It does look like it would take quite a bit of time before it becomes completely transparent.

While thinking about all sorts of things, I became sleepy so I shut my eyes in accordance with that drowsiness.

The next day, I heard the rumour about the “Lolicon Pervert” buying a noble purveyor’s “swimsuit” and furthermore, it was for a small kid’s use——

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Chapter 57: Dooooon!!

“Huh? Arm wrestling championship?”

Naturally, I stayed indoors after the previous incident, but Asha-san purposefully came to my house to invite me, so I had to go. Asha-san lead me to the guild, where there was a sign with large writing standing at the entrance.

“Yes, actually it has been arranged for the guild to organise it, so I was told to bring Nest-san for the sake of the people fighting continuously.”

“.....”

Well, you know? I already knew that much. Asha-san especially coming to my house to invite me had been somewhat suspicious.

“Nest-san?”

“N-no, I was actually thinking I might enter this as well..... or something.”

While I was silent, Asha-san brought her face close to mine so I inadvertently let something unexpected slip out of my mouth.

“That’s a good idea! I will be cheering for you!”

In my panic, I said it as a joke but Asha-san seemed to show an unusual hint of excitement, making a fist in the air.

.....Yeah, with this, I’ve no choice but to enter.

“Now, for the next challenger!! Here he is!!”

As the conversation progressed rapidly, my participation ended up being decided unknowingly.

My debut is after this current challenger.

This is where a contender challenges the arm wrestling champion of the previous session, and the contender becomes the champion if he wins. But of

course, that's not the end.

As long as it's within the appointed time limit, people are able to challenge the new champion.

If they win, the champion will change again.

This will repeat until time is up.

However, on the assumption that the person who becomes champion will have a series of battles, I will need to use recovery magic to restore them after each battle.

That is also one of my roles.

Incidentally, the current champion still the one from before.

Making the opponent surrender with an overwhelming strength making the opponent surrender, as yet, no one else was able to become the champion.

“The Endddddd!!!”

For the results of this match, as expected, the previous champion had a complete victory.

Next is, of course, my turn.

“Heal.”

Finished with treating the other party, I sat down on one of the seats by the table.

“Nest-san~ Do your best~!”

“!!”

I could hear Asha-san's cheers of support from behind.

.....I have to win——!!

I have come this far slowly, but it's not as though I haven't thought of any strategies.

My strategy has been properly prepared. For me, by me.

“Heh, I won't lose to Mister Lolicon Pervert, you know?”

.....Fufufu, you have lost already.

“Well then, REEAAAADDDYYY!!”

The referee gives the signal.

“START!!!”

At that moment, our match started.

“.....Heal, heal, heal..... Heal..... Heal.”

From the commencement of the battle, I continuously cast recovery magic on myself, in a voice inaudible to others.

By doing that, I was able to always fight with a perfect constitution.

“.....Gu.....!”

However, just that was tough on me as well. No matter how perfect my constitution was, we differed in nature.

Well, what could I do. It was simple.

Up until now, I haven't actually cast recovery magic on the champion. I pretended to cast it, but I had actually cast them all on myself.

“.....Guaa!!!”

And then, at the end of a long battle, I seized the victory admirably.

“.....A-amazing, he brought him down.....”

“.....That lolicon pervert..... I see him in a new light now.....”

There was some noise from behind, but I was satisfied. With this, the bad rumours about me may abide a little, and above all, I was able to show Asha-san my good points.

“The New Champion!! NESTTTTTT!!!”

“Uooooooooohhhh!!”

When the referee yelled out my name loudly, the guild overflowed with the cheers of the adventurers.

“Now then, the next challenger is.....? Oh, it actually hasn't been decided yet!!”

When the voices in the guild quietened down, the referee made an outrageous announcement.

At this rate, I will be the new champion without anyone coming out, but there should only be a short time left until the end.

“Fufufu.....”

I unintentionally let out a laugh.

Nevertheless, it was almost completely settled.

“Lily wants to do it too~!!!”

Just when I was thinking that, I heard such a cry from among the spectators. And then, the one who was brought out to me was Lily herself.

“Err..... By the looks of it, this should be the final match because time is running out.....”

Even the referee seemed to be unsure as to how to liven up this match with such a small challenger.

I was also surprised, but it was fine like this.

That is because, my victory has already been decided.

I feel bad for Lily, but I'll have her let me win. As one would expect with Lily as an opponent, I should be more than enough.

.....Fufufu——

“W-well then, Ready!! Start!!”

Finally, the match started.

To finish it immediately is also... you know, so I'll start off lightly.

“Nest? This is a win if you bring down the opponent's arm?”

“That's right~”

I told Lily, who apparently didn't even know the rules.

Now then, let's finish it soon——

“Dooooon!!”

And then, the moment after hearing that sound, it was settled.

“.....Eh?”

The table used for the match was splendidly split right in half, and I was thrown to the ground as I was.

Right, I *lost*———

I don't know where it had been hiding in that small body, but due to Lily's

unbelievable strength———

“Just because he’s a lolicon, to go that far.....”

“.....To throw himself and break the table.....”

Those quiet murmurs entered my ears.

“T-THE WINNER IS... LILYYYYY!! The arm wrestling champion this time is LILY!!”

“””””Uooooooooooooohhh!!!”””””

The guild was enveloped in the loudest cheer of the day.

Alone, I headed home, crying as I continued to run——

Chapter 58: I would like to see

“Haah, we have finally arrived.....”

We have now, after going to the town to meet Father, finally managed to return to the capital.

Unlike the trip to town, there were no dragon encounters or monster assaults during our return home; it was a favourable journey.

With our escorts encircling us, we have finally managed to reach the castle somehow.

“Y-your majesty!!”

When we enter the castle, one of Father’s subordinates approached us.

“Hmm, what’s the matter?”

Father calls out to him.

“Th-that is.....”

Apparently, according to his report, the princess of the demon country has come to the royal castle, only bringing a few escorts along with her.

Fundamentally, they are not much different from us despite being called demons.

Their appearance also resemble humans.

The sole difference in their outward appearances would be that demons grow wings on their backs, and tails from their buttocks, when they reach adulthood. From what I heard, it seems the wings on their back are small and can be stowed away.

Incidentally, the relationship between demons and humans hadn’t been that great.

In the past, the current king of demons came to this country to bind a peace treaty, and we maintained a favourable relationship after that.

Of course, I believe that there are also people who hold dissatisfaction in their hearts even now, but I’m grateful that the majority of people readily assent to

this alliance with the demons.

Ah, come to think of it, demons possess an aptitude for the dark attribute, and I've heard that they can all use at least a little dark magic. And apparently, they possess physical strength that humans are no match for, which I would certainly like to see.

"I wonder if there is some urgent matter or something.....?"

I, together with Father, headed to the room in which the demon princess was waiting.

"I'm sorry to keep you waiting."

When we enter the room, Father turns towards the demon princess and apologies.

"No, the one who came so suddenly was I. There is no need for apologies."

The demon princess seems to use quite an old-fashioned manner of talking, or so I thought as I stood behind Father.

"My name is Parfeq. Please call me that from now on."

"So, does Parfeq-hime have some business or.....?"

Father gets straight to the point without delay.

".....Actually, it seems someone from the demon country brought my little sister to the human country....."

".....? Is there some kind of problem?"

I feel like there is nothing wrong in particular but.....

"The demon in question was one of the rebels opposing my father, the current king. And so, when he brought her along, he apparently made my sister drink poison....."

.....Certainly, if that's the case then it's not unnatural for her to be worried. Parfeq-hime also grimaces, looking vexed.

"Thus, I came here to request aid in searching for my little sister."

Parfeq-hime stares fixedly at my father's face.

".....I understand. We'll use every method we can, to find her without fail!!"

Father consents to it immediately.

“For our search, it would help if you could advise us of her appearance and name.”

Father inquires about the necessary details in order to assist.

“Firstly, in regards to her appearance, she is a blue-haired little girl. She usually has a cheerful disposition, but now that she was made to take poison, that might also be hard for her but.....”

“Wh-what name does she go by?”

Seeing Parfeq-hime appear to become increasingly sadder as she relays the information, I panickedly continue the questioning.

“.....It’s *Lily*.”

“”Eh.””

Father and I both react to the name given by Parfeq-hime.

“.....? Could you possibly be aware of her whereabouts!?”

Noticing with a discerning eye, Parfeq-hime presses us with a query.

“Umm... There is an acquaintance of ours who is able to use recovery magic. There is a child accompanying him who is known as Lily, but.....”

If I recall correctly, the child with Nest-san was called Lily.
However.....

“But that child was fairly lively though?”

Lily-chan had been overflowing with spirit, so much so as to even have pulled at Father’s hair.

Considering this, it’s true that she seems to have similar characteristics as the Lily that Parfeq-hime spoke of.

Perhaps, there is also the possibility of Nest-san having cured that illness, but the chances of that are slim.

“A recovery magic user, is it.....”

Parfeq-hime also looks grim.

“.....Recovery magic isn’t very effective on demons, you see.....”

“Right.....”

That is true. Demons are suited for the dark attribute, but because of that, the light attributed recovery magic has a low compatibility with them.

As such, most recovery magic users know that recovery magic have a weak effect on demonic beings.

“Nevertheless, there is still the chance of that, so we should contact them just in case. Right, Father?”

Perhaps by some chance, the Lily beside Nest-son really is the Lily that Parfeq-hime is referring to, and recovery magic might have succeeded in some manner.

“.....”

“Father?”

Father freezes for some reason.

“Mn, that is appreciated. However, I will also make a search.”

I exchange greetings in place of my petrified father, and then Parfeq-hime departed from the castle.

I feel like he gazed this way during her departure for some reason, but it may just be my imagination.

“.....”

Let’s leave Father, who remains unmoving even now, and report our return to Mother now——

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Chapter 59: Touching that Fair Skin

“.....I don’t get it.”

At present, I have been continuously thinking inside my room.
Needless to say, I was thinking about Lily.
Just the other day at the arm wrestling competition, I suffered a defeat before Lily’s overwhelming strength.

“.....No wait, it’s strange.”

I’m talking about Lily’s *overwhelming strength*.....

“The beginning was strange so I haven’t understood it until now, huh.....”

I stayed in my room for the whole day before I finally managed to arrive at a conclusion regarding the matter.

“.....”

So, what was this overwhelming strength?
I had been a little sneaky, but this force was strong enough to throw me, who had reached the top for one round as the arm wrestling champion, down and split the table in two.
I wonder where such a strength was hiding in that slender arm of hers.....
I.. have no idea.....

Anyway, I must now investigate about Lily.

“Alright, no one’s here.....”

Having decided that, I immediately make my move. Confirming that there was no one in the corridor, I head to where Lily was likely to be.
Sure enough, Lily was right in the middle of cooking.

“L-Lily.”

Despite being a little nervous, I call out to Lily.

“Hm, Nest finally came out~?”

“I-I have some business with you, Lily.....”

Lily wasn't the only one who knew about me hiding inside my room, Aura and Tré naturally knew as well.

"With Lily~?"

"Ah, yeah. So won't you come to my room for a bit?"

After hearing my words, the confused Lily puts her cooking on hold temporarily.

"Ah, it's perfectly fine if you come after you finish cooking too, you know?"

I didn't expect her to come immediately, and I said so to Lily.

"Mn, Nest is more important than cooking~!!"

Saying that, Lily hugs my waist.

T-too cute.....!!

"I-I see. Then let's go."

Calming down my flustered voice, I head to my room while leading Lily by the hand.

"Err... So, what I wanted you for is, you see....."

Arriving at my room, I first had Lily sit on the bed and then began to talk.

".....to talk about Lily's constitution."

"Lily's constitution?"

Lily asks, repeating my words as if she didn't understand their meaning very well.

"Yeah, there are things that must be investigated....."

Right, I need to investigate the cause of my loss to Lily, a little girl, in the arm wrestling competition.

"Then first of all, could you show me your arm?"

The first thing I investigate is her arm, the likely cause.

Lily follows my request and extends her arm towards me.

I thoroughly touch the arm that was presented.

As should be expected, that arm was ordinary, just a simple, soft arm.

I had never examined or felt a girl's arm so seriously before so I don't know how

it was different from normal girls', but I dare say that Aura and the others' arms would feel like this too.

.....It feels good.

I believe that I could touch continue touching it like this forever.

“.....nn.....it tickles~!”

While I was enjoying the softness of Lily's arm, Lily retracts her arm as if she had been enduring it.

“Ah, sorry, sorry.”

It felt so good that I lost control and touched it too much.
That won't do, I'm not here to play around.

“W-well then, can you turn around and take off your clothes for a short while?”

If Lily's strength doesn't originate from her arm, then I have no idea where in that body it comes from.
Seeing her front would obviously be too demanding, so I should check her back.

“Kay, I got it~!!”

Without any hesitation, Lily removes the clothes she is currently wearing.

“!?”

Moreover, she removed them while facing this way so I hurriedly avert my eyes.

“I'm done~”

Before long, Lily states that she has finished.
Glancing in Lily's direction fleetingly, I see that she has neatly removed her clothes and turned her back this way, so I can inspect Lily's body at ease.
My fingers touch the pale skin on Lily's back.

“.....nnh.....”

Lily lets out a sound, maybe because she's feeling ticklish.
However, for the investigation, being a victim is unavoidable. I feel bad for Lily but I'll have her endure for now.

Lily's back was very soft.

I slowly move my fingers down from the top, brushing her soft, fair skin.

“.....nn.....h.....”

Along with that, Lily's voice becomes increasingly louder.

Despite this, I continued my examination of her back.

“.....Nest, just what might you be doing.....?”

The chilly voice of a terrifying demon resounded in my room——

“Eh....”

Having been engrossed with examining Lily's back, I timidly turn my gaze towards the entrance of my room.

There, Aura was facing me with eyes like she was looking at trash.

I then tried imagining how this would look to an outsider.

.....A man had a girl's clothes removed and was assaulting her from behind, is all that I could see this as.

“N-no wait, you're mistaken!!”

Perhaps there might be insufficient time to resolve this misunderstanding, but I clung to a little bit of hope even so.

“.....I came because there was a letter addressed to Nest, but.....”

Aura's hand was indeed grasping some kind of letter-like object as she said that.

“THIS PERVERRRRRRRRRRTT!!!!”

And then, Aura's angry voice echoed throughout my room——

Me holing myself up inside my room for a while scarcely needs to be said, I suppose.

Chapter 60: A Man's Dream, so I think

“Heal.....Heal.....”

I am currently doing nothing but casting recovery magic while running nonstop.

As for why I am doing such a thing, it's because I received a party invitation from the king.

I hear that it's a thank you for before and that all the necessities, such as clothing, have already been arranged for over there.

However, I was requested to keep the fact that Aura and Tré are slaves confidential.

As far as it goes, Lily wasn't my slave so it was irrelevant for her, but I'm sure that a party with royalty attending isn't something that a commoner can enter. Much less so for slaves.

.....You might think that it would have been fine for me to rent some sort of wagon because I'm heading to the capital but, as a matter of fact, I have rented a wagon.

It was just that Aura, mad about the previous incident with Lily, didn't let me ride it.

It was as though she absolutely would not let a pervert get close to her little sister.

“.....Heal.....Heal.”

Thus, I am now casting recovery magic while continuing to chase after the wagon that was steadily advancing in front—

“Haah, I'm exhausted.....”

I had my recovery magic so I wasn't fatigued physically, but I was mentally worn out.

By the way, we're taking a break right now to let the horses rest.

“You're rather undisciplined despite being a pervert, to be admitting defeat

here.”

An extremely unreasonable thing was said by Aura.

Nevertheless, I won't reply here.

Because it's obvious that I'll receive further negative treatment if I do so.

“You've worked hard~”

Lily gave me, who was feeling a little relieved when Aura had left, a few words of encouragement.

“Lily's so kind.....”

I mutter as I pat Lily, who had come up beside me, on the head. Since Aura wasn't here, I continued patting her earnestly.

“Then I'm going to go back now~!”

Lily returns inside the wagon as though she was satisfied.

With some feeling of reluctance, I decided to take a stroll alone to kill some time.

“Heal.....Heal!!”

I was currently being chased by a dragon. That dragon was, of course, the crimson dragon I had an encounter with before.

“.....H-heal!!”

I was fleeing while curing my fatigue with recovery magic, but I probably won't be able to return to where Aura and the others are at this rate. I need to throw off this dragon somehow. But with no idea how to do that, I could only run away.

“.....!?”

When I look in front, somehow, standing there was a man roughly the same age as the king.

“Mister! A dragon is coming chasing so run away!!”

However, the man showed no signs of fleeing at all, and he came walking this way of all things.

“.....!?”

I hurriedly change directions, trying to keep the dragon away from the man, but it was already too late.

The dragon noticed the man and opened its large jaw as it charged at the man, as though it thought that he would be easier to catch than me.

“.....u.....i.”

The man stands there and mutters something.

“GUGYAAAAAAaaaAa...Aaa.....a”

The next moment, I heard the dragon’s roar and then the dragon collapsed in front of the man just like that.

“.....”

Um... I wonder what just happened.

Perhaps it collapsed and died of hunger or something, maybe.....?

The most likely thing is that the man did something.

“.....You.”

“!?”

By the time I realised, the man had moved before me, so I panickedly stood on guard.

“You, what do you think about girls?”

“.....Huh?”

I look closely at the man before me and saw that he was clad in black and his face was full of dignity.

Such a man suddenly questioned me about girls.

Nevertheless, I’m afraid that I can’t really disregard someone who saved my life, so I think desperately.

“.....Th-they’re a man’s dream, I think...”

I feel like I said something bad, but that was all that I could think of so I couldn’t do anything about it.

“Oh, a ‘dream’, huh. That is quite the answer.”

The man strokes his chin, and looked to be in a reverie.

“.....In that case,”

He stayed like that for a while, but finally moves his hand and speaks, addressing me.

“What do you think of little girls?”

“.....L-little girls, you say”

“Yeah, those commonly referred to as *loli*’s.”

I-inquiring about loli’s.....?

I suppose I had just been imagining that the many incidents I experienced seemed to be related to those in some way.

.....Well, rather than that, I must be thinking about loli’s right now.

“.....”

The loli’s that come to mind are ‘Tré’ and ‘Lily’, these two.

‘Tré’ is rather reliable for her age and is also smart. However, she is poor at cooking.

‘Lily’ acts in accordance to her age, but her cooking is delicious. Also, she has great physical strength.

Hence, to me, ‘Loli’s’ are——

““My own daughters’, I guess.....”

——Probably this.

“Saying ‘my own daughters’ is, er, how should I say it..... Ah, to put it simply, I have to take care because I don’t know what might happen, but I will be looking over them until they can be sufficiently independent, is what I mean.”

The man has a look of curiosity on his face when he hears my reply. I didn’t know what to say either, but that was what popped into my head. Even I know that Tré and Lily aren’t my real daughters. Even if it wasn’t so, I still believe that I have such feelings.

“Your ‘own daughters’, huh.....”

“Was that no good.....?”

The man muttered quietly at my reply.

I had just spoken the words that I thought of on the spur of the moment, so I don't know if it was good or bad.

“.....No, your answer was good. I'm glad to hear such a good answer.”
“I-is that so.”

It seems the man was pleased so I'm relieved.

“Nest!!”

I heard Aura calling my name from far away.

“Ah, crap!!”

Quite a lot of time has passed. She's probably angry.....

“Umm... Thank you for taking down the dragon. You saved me.”

In the end, I thank the man.

I can't tell for sure, but I dare say that this man should have been the one to fell the dragon.

“No, it was no problem at all. Ah, I'm grateful for this encounter so I'll give you something good before you leave.”

Saying that, the man gave me some kind of black, spherical object.

“Um, this is.....?”

Not knowing what it was, I ask the man.

“It can only be used once. You should use it in a when you've been driven into a corner. Just swallow the black ball only when you are in a situation where you must use it. Remember, consider whether you really ought to be using it when you are using it.....”

“Y-yes.....”

From what I heard, it seems like he gave me a really incredible object.
.....Be as it may, just what situation should I be using this in?

“Nest——?”

Aura's voice draws nearer, little by little.

“Ah, sorry. Please excuse me here. Um, thank you very much for everything.”

I say that as a farewell, and start running in the direction of Aura's voice.

———[Man's
POV]———

“Fufufu.....”

While on my search, I met an interesting person for the first time in a while. Saying that girls are ‘a man’s dream’ and loli’s are ‘one’s own daughters’, he returned to where his own companions were.

I had a lot more that I wanted to ask, so it’s a pity.

However, I can be relieved if it’s that human.

Well, I don’t know when he might use the ball I gave him, but it’s probably fine.

“Fuwahahaha.....!!”

Ah, when was the last time I laughed like this?

Come to think of it, I forgot to ask for his name.....

“Oh well, it should be fine.”

Perhaps we can meet again someday.

While looking down at the ground in the distance, I couldn’t help but to relax my face while thinking of that someday.

Chapter 61: After all, my face is like this

“.....It’s finally in sight.”

I muttered, referring to the capital which I was able to catch in the corner of my vision.

On our way here, I met with an assortment of troubles — I was made to run, I was attacked by a dragon — but halfway through, I was allowed to ride in the carriage too and was able to think of it as a pleasant journey.

“Welcome to the capital!!”

Passing through the checking station safely, we stroll about the town capital.

“Hm, I guess we should find an inn first?”

“I suppose that’s best.”

According to the letter, the party will be held tomorrow evening. That meant that we had time to kill before then. For the time being, we begin to look for a place to stay for the night.

“The big brother over there~!!”

Suddenly, I heard a loud voice from somewhere. Thinking that it might have been addressed referring to me, I look over.

“.....”

Then, I met eyes with a girl who was waving her arms in this direction.

“.....No, it couldn’t be... right?”

I only saw a bit of the girl’s face, but I don’t think I’ve met her before. Even the memorable-looking bandana didn’t seem to be something I have seen before.

I thought for sure she was waving at someone near me, so I distance myself from that spot.

“Eh, wasn’t that addressed to you, Nest?”

Aura asks from behind, but I tell her that I don't think it's me and continue walking.

"I said wai... wait a moment, big brother~!!"

.....So she really is talking to me.

But my face is ordinary, it's not an attractive face that would garner attention from girls.

D-damn!!

"I"

At that moment, my arm was grabbed by someone.

Surprised, I tried to check who grabbed me and the girl who had been waving just now was there.

"Jeez! Why are you running away!?"

The girl puffed out her cheeks adorably and looked at me as if implying that she was angry.

"Ah, no, I didn't think anyone would be calling out to me....."

After all, my face is like this—?

.....

"Well, putting that aside, big brother is looking for accommodation, right?"

".....Yeah, well, that's right. How did you know?"

"With that luggage, anyone would be able to tell that you weren't people from this town, so I thought you might need a place to stay. My home is an inn, so please come!"

"I see."

What, so it was like that.

I knew it, but indeed, it wasn't for **that kind of thing**.....

"Th-then maybe we should go there."

Confirming that it was alright from everyone behind me as well, I ask the girl

to guide us.

“Thank you very much~!!”

Taking care not to lose her, we chase after the girl who was saying ‘Please come this way~!’.

However, I, alone, drooped my shoulders a little because of my ordinary face.

Chapter 62: Wearing the clothes is embarrassing

“.....It’s unexpectedly far.”

I wonder how long we have been following the girl in question for. We have been brought to a street with less people walking on it than the streets from before.

We had asked her to guide us to the inn, but there were absolutely no signs of us arriving.

“We’re almost there~”

The girl says, lightly waving this way.
I feel like I’ve been hearing the same thing for a while now.....

“Aura, you guys aren’t tired?”

We’ve walked quite a distance, so I dare say they should be tiring soon. I’ve got my recovery magic though, so relieving fatigue could be done easily.

“We’re fine~!!”

However, disregarding my worries, Lily spoke with a lively voice and stretched out her hands.
Aura and Tré also appeared to remain composed, and their breathing wasn’t disturbed either.

“.....huh.....?”

Having checked everyone’s state of fatigue, I once again return my gaze to the girl but she was nowhere to be found, maybe because there were so many people.

“I can’t find her.”

After that, we all looked for her but we never found that girl.

“.....And? By the time you realised, your wallet was gone, you say?”

“.....Yes.”

Now, I was being greatly remonstrated by Aura.
The reason for that is, it seems that I had my wallet stolen by that girl from before.
Putting my wallet in my pocket so that I could take it out at any time backfired on me.

“You should put it in a harder-to-steal place!”
“Y-you are quite right.....”

If I were asked when it was stolen, it would probably be when I turned around.
Although I would say there wasn't much in the wallet, I've recently been in a position to earn to a certain extent, so it would be quite a large amount to normal people.
To have lost that in an instant.....
I learned firsthand that I can't be negligent no matter how good the public order in the capital was.
This time, Aura finished without scolding me too much, as though she understood that it was probably stolen while I was concerned about them.
Fortunately, I had previously given some money to Tré so there was no trouble at the inn.

Having finished our discussions, we quickly found an inn by ourselves.
Despite having money, we couldn't squander too much of it so we decided to only rent a single room for everyone.
Although I say we only rented a single room, we naturally took one with two beds, but.....

“.....Haa, we can finally relax.....”

Having arrived in the room, I tumbled onto the bed just like that.
Aura and Tré collapsed on the other bed.
However, it seemed like only Lily wasn't tired yet, and she looked this way with a face that was full of composure.
And I don't know what she was thinking, but that face was engulfed in a smile as if she had thought up something interesting.

“Take thissss!!”

“.....!?”

For some reason, she came flying my way from that spot.
Flustered, I sit up and spread my arms out to catch the flying Lily.

“.....Oomph.”

Although I was met with a great impact, I somehow succeeded in catching Lily and sat her down on the bed.

“Ahaha!! Fun~~!!”

Lily, who was kicking and wriggling those pretty and slender legs of hers with all her might while smiling at me to say “that was fun”, was adorable.
I-it’s not like I have any ulterior motives, okay?
No, really.

“Ah, come to think of it, I had something to give you.”

I address Aura and the others, who had finished entering the bath in turns.

“It’s this.....”

Saying that, what I handed over was the feminine clothing I bought at the clothing store previously.
The clothes I bought at the place that sold those taboo swimsuits.

“Err, this is.....?”

Tré asks timidly.

“Well, they did say that the king and them will be preparing clothes, but I thought that proper clothes might be necessary for before we go to the castle.”
“T-thank you very much.....!”

Tré says her thanks with teary eyes.

“T-thank you.....”

Aura said in a small voice, making a slightly less annoyed face.

“Yayy~!!”

Lily was full of vigour as usual, and encircles me while flourishing the clothes.

“T-then maybe I should try it on for a bit.....”

After she says that, Aura takes Lily and Tré with her and heads towards the bathroom.

I continued waiting in the meantime.

“I-I tried it on.”

“O-ooh.....”

Aura, the first one to leave the bathroom, was obviously dressed in the clothes I bought.

Those clothes were, how should I put it, I feel like they emphasised Aura’s cuteness.

I’m saying this myself, but I might have quite the eye for clothing.

“I-it suits you.”

I normally don’t say that so, as expected, it’s embarrassing

“I-is that so? W-well, they are indeed cute clothes.....”

Aura’s face also turned red, as if wearing the new clothes was embarrassing.

“.....But, why were the measurements of this so accurate, I wonder.....?”

However, that was also momentary, and Aura fixed her eyes on me.

“.....”

Even if I’m asked why, I just bought that at one glance, so it was hard to answer.

“Err.....”

It would be good if I could convey that smoothly one way or another, but I don’t know what to say.

“.....Pervert.”

While hugging herself with her own two arms as if trying to cover her body, Aura returned to the bathroom.

.....Next time, let’s buy some of a different size.

I pledged in my heart——

Chapter 63: To like men

“Look, then we’ll be waking up early tomorrow too so let’s sleep.”

After talking about the size of Aura’s clothes, I was pursued by the interaction with Tré and Lily who emerged next, and after finally reaching a stopping point, everyone is relaxing now.

“That’s right.....”

“Eh —!?”

Tré nodded at my words but Lily seemed to still not want to sleep and was shaking her head.

“I’m not sleepy yet.”

“Even if you say that....”

Tomorrow, we also need to head to the castle early in the morning and arrange our clothing.

I send a look to Aura for some help.

“.....Sigh, I guess it can’t be helped.”

When I do, Aura who was sitting on the bed, got up and steadily walked towards Lily.

“Lily, don’t be so selfish, okay? Look, come sleep with me.”

Using a gentle tone that wouldn’t be directed at me normally, she embraces Lily.

“Mn, got it, Aura-oneechan!”

Even Lily when hugged by Aura became obedient as if her selfishness from before was a lie, and was taken to the bed that wasn’t mine.

“.....”

Contrary to feeling relieved at being helped, I felt a little disappointment as I wrapped myself in the blankets and closed my eyes.

“—— Nn.”

Suddenly I felt something move inside the blanket.

In the darkness, I strained my eyes somehow and tried to look inside, then it seems like someone had crawled into my blankets.

“Is it Lily.....?”

A similar thing happened in the past, and I don't think the other two would do such a thing.....

“Master.....”

“!?”

However, my prediction was fruitless, the faint voice I heard coming from the blankets was Tré's.

I gave a slightly exaggerated reaction to the situation I never expected.

“W-what.....?”

At the difficult-to-imagine behaviour based on Tré until now, I ask the waking Tré while surprised.

“I-I want... To be more, more... loved by Master.....”

“.....”

Pausing every few words, she firmly conveyed her feelings, and at this, I sunk into silence.

.....I wonder what this means.

“Err... Again, why is that.....?”

As expected, I don't understand no matter how much I ponder, so I ask Tré frankly.

“.....When Master wasn't at the guild, I heard from the adventurers.....”

It's probably when I went out for lunch.

“When a man buys a slave, it's... For that.....”

“U-um?”

W-wait a moment?

What Tré is talking about, could it be that kind of thing?

“And so, not doing that with a slave means they like boys, or if not that then——”

Tré’s word broke off for a moment.

Tré slowly crawled upwards from under the blanket, and before I knew it, I could feel her breath on my neck.

And then, she tightly grasped my clothes, and rest her small head on my chest.

“——it means they don’t like the slave.....”

The part of my clothes that was in contact with Tré’s head gradually dampens.

“.....It’s alright.”

When I noticed, I was murmuring those words.

Under the blanket, as I hugged Tré’s small body, I continued murmuring many times, until Tré stopped crying——

“.....ZZZZZ.....”

As though she was worn out from crying, Tré fell asleep around the time she stopped crying.

Laying her head on my arm, I pat Tré’s hair while she was sleeping peacefully, and also made to sleep in preparation for tomorrow.

“Alright, let’s go.”

Having woken up properly with no falling back to sleep after waking up, we finished our preparations and headed to the castle early.

Perhaps because of yesterday’s incident, I feel like Tré has started behaving a more spoiled towards me little by little.

Even now, she has been clinging to my arm this whole time.

“.....”

Looking at that a little sullenly was Aura.

Incidentally, I thought she would be mad about me sleeping together with Tré this morning, but she didn't get mad this morning.

As for why, it was because she found out about us sleeping together last night.

The reason was, I also went to sleep after Tré did, but when I thought that something was in the blankets just like with Tré, it turned out to be Aura.

Naturally, only a short time had passed after I started to drift off so I woke up immediately, but Aura's face had reddened enough to tell even in the dark. She said "I came to bring Tré back!!" whilst controlling the volume and then returned to her own bed with Tré.

Thus, I ended up not being scolded.

"We've been in your care~"

"Please come again~!!"

After saying our farewells to the innkeeper, we finally made our way towards the castle.

Having come here, it shouldn't be that far away so we should arrive shortly.

Then, we slowly started walking towards the castle, our hearts full of tension save for Lily.

By the way, just because I won't lay a hand on my slaves doesn't mean I like boys, okay!?

Chapter 64: I'd like you to undress

"It really is huge.....!"

I mutter as I look up at the giant castle spread before my eyes. I did come to the castle once before, but I had been in a fluster back then and hadn't been able to look at the castle in its entirety. However, having come here by my own will, the size of that castle was evident whether I liked it or not.

"Is that so, I imagine that a normal castle would be at least this size though....."

From Aura's perspective, a building of this size might indeed be normal for her as a former member of royalty, but as one of the masses, I felt that the magnitude was kind of wrong.

"It's about the same as Lily's home~!"

.....No, wait, no matter how biased you are, this can't be compared to something like my house. As I was feeling a little happy at hearing Lily's remark, we were lead inside the castle by the gatekeepers.

"Now then, we'll be taking your measurements so I'd like you to undress."

".....Eh?"

After being brought inside the castle, we were split into girls and guys and made to enter separate rooms, though I was the only guy. Inside the rooms were some maids, and those maids were rapidly helping to remove my clothes for some reason. Without even a chance to feel embarrassed, I was stripped of all clothing but my underwear and there was nothing I could do except look at my own body in a daze as they took measurements.

"We will prepare clothing for you now that we have finished. Please wait a little longer."

Shortly thereafter, the most distinguished-looking maid came up to me and spoke to me.

“.....U-understood.”

I sit down on the chair that the maids had prepared for me, and set my mind on other things in order to forget the embarrassing events from a moment ago even a second faster.

“Aura-sama, this way.”

We were brought to a different room to Nest’s. They treated us courteously, as though they didn’t know about Tré and I being slaves.

“.....At any rate, those clothes really suit you all. Everyone looks lovely.”

A maid who was clearly older than me said as she looked at our clothing.

“Nest bought this for us~!!”

Hearing her words, Lily promptly responded, flaunting her clothing delightfully.

“By Nest-san, you mean the gentleman who came to the castle with you, correct? He has very wonderful taste.....”

“If Nest heard that, I’m sure he would be pleased too.”

Even without being biased, I also think these clothes are very befitting for each one of us so hearing that makes me very happy. I had been embarrassed back then so I unintentionally said some cruel things to Nest.

I had been told by some adventurers in the past that a man buying a slave but not touching them might be because he doesn’t like the slave. Even if it’s inevitable with Tré because she’s still not old enough, him not laying a hand on me who is the same age as him might be that Nest really doesn’t like me. Just as I thought this, he suddenly gave me a present. Doing that, unintentionally saying some cruel words couldn’t be helped, I think..... However, even though we ended up staying in the same room for the first time

in a while, he didn't seem to have much interest in me and went to sleep just like that.

I was frustrated at that, then sad, but I didn't really want anyone to realise that so I just went to sleep with my face hidden in my blankets.

I woke up in the middle of the night unexpectedly, and sleepily thinking that if he wouldn't make a move then I could do it on my end, I tried to crawl into Nest's bed. However, Tré was there already, sleeping in the embrace of Nest's arms.

The night ended with me separating those two, but I realise that I didn't get to ask why it happened even now.

After this party ends, I'll ask about last night— —

Those were my thoughts as I was being measured by the maids.

Chapter 65: This is how it is

“It suits you very well, Nest-san.”

“I-is that so...?”

After the measuring, I stood in front of the mirror dressed in the clothes given to me by the maids.

I’m wearing what’s known as ‘formalwear’, and I’m a little nervous since this is the first time that I’ve worn such clothing.

.....Somehow the entire thing appears black-ish, but I wonder if that’s normal.

I don’t know if it’s because I’m not accustomed to being praised, but it’s a little embarrassing nevertheless.

Maybe it was simply because I was praised by a female, but then again, it could be because she was a maid.....

“Is Nest-dono there?”

With the preparations over, I hear a rather familiar voice slowly drift over from the other side of the door.

This is probably the king’s voice.

“He’s here. I’ll open the door now.”

A maid was in position, opening the door before I could. The one standing there was indeed the king.

“I have a little business with you, Nest-dono.”

The king spoke in a sterner tone compared to the last time we spoke.

Perhaps he’s forcing himself a little because the maids are here.

Having been called by him, I say a word of thanks to the maids before following the king who had gone on ahead.

The king led me to a certain room in the castle.

We walked quite a fair distance, so this might be the king’s private quarters or

something.

“Please enter.”

The king opened the door himself and invited me inside.

“Isn’t it a little dark in here?”

When I entered, this was the first thought I had.

The windows of the room were covered by curtains, and there was even some kind of black fabric hanging on the walls.

“No, it doesn’t seem like it to me?”

However, the king didn’t seem to mind, as though he was accustomed to this environment.

“S-so that’s how it is normally?”

“This is how it is.”

If the king is saying that, it can’t be helped.

I also decided to stop caring about it any further.

“So, what did you want to discuss?”

Even coming to this room was because the king purposefully called me over.

“...Before that, I’d like to introduce myself. You told me yours previously, but I have yet to say my name.”

Certainly, I still don’t know the king’s name, and I’m also tired of always calling him Your Majesty, so I nod in response.

“My name is Ethique; please call me that from now on.”

“OK, Ethique.”

Immediately, I call him by his name.

Ethique smiles happily at that.

“.....So, now we are through with self-introductions, let’s move onto the main issue. It’s..... ”

“It’s what?”

Ethique seems uncomfortable and rather worried about something.

“It’s about the girl with you, Lily.....”

“Is there something wrong with Lily?”

Could he possible have some grudge regarding her pulling his hair back then?

No, but he said that he didn’t really mind back then.....

“.....That girl is a *demon*, isn’t she?”

—————huh?

Just then, what did he say...? Lily is a demon.....?

Even a bumpkin like me knows about demons.

Or rather, they even came to the village to buy and sell food occasionally.

But for Lily to be a demon.....

It’s too sudden; I don’t know what to think.

“Actually, it seems the Princess’ sister has been kidnapped, and apparently the name of her sister is Lily. According to the information we received, that Lily girl was forced to ingest poison when she was kidnapped, and fell into a weakened state. Originally, human recovery magic is not very effective on demons, but it would probably be an easy task for you to heal her. Furthermore, the information about her appearance corresponds with that of your Lily.”

“.....”

Certainly Lily’s physical condition was dire when I first met her.

And if Lily really was a demon, it would also explain her incredible physical strength.

“S-so, if Lily really is, uh, a demon... and is the demon princess’ younger sister then....?”

I timidly ask Ethique.

I just hope it is not what I think it is——

“I suppose she would take Lily back.....”

Ethique's response is merciless; it was also what I expected.

".....Well, it can't be helped, I guess....?"

".....I'm sorry...."

Seeing me so dejected, Ethique personally lowered his head.

"N-no, it's not your fault, Ethique....."

Even while saying so, I could tell that my own feelings were steadily sinking even though I didn't like it——

"In the midst of the party, we may be contacted by the demons, so please take note."

"Right..."

It seems that Ethique's business with me was about that, so I decide to return to the room from before now that the conversation is over.

.....Nevertheless, to think that Lily might be a demon.

Of course, I know that's it's still just a possibility for now...

"Oh, speaking of which..."

While I was thinking of that, Ethique calls out to me as I was about to leave the room.

"I was wondering if you used that black cloak I gave you...?"

Ethique asks this while directing a gaze full of expectations towards me.

.....I can't say that I already threw it away.

If I said that, he might seriously become depressed.

So I calmly said this——

"...Ah, yeah, that. M-mhm. I've already used it, m-many times? Yeah, honestly."

Chapter 66: Nest, so cool!!

“W-well then, see you....”

“Mn.”

After the conversation with Ethique was over, I once again traversed the halls I walked through earlier to return to the room where the maids were.

“Geez, you’re so slow.”

“...Huh?”

When I got back to the room, Aura and the others, who should have been somewhere else, were waiting with the maids.

Furthermore, everyone was fitted with a dress that suited them respectively.

“...What do you think about this?”

There, Aura asked for my impressions, just like yesterday.

“Y-yeah. Er, it suits you.”

Aura’s elegance, something that surely wouldn’t appear when she’s in plain clothes, was brought out to the surface and I was honestly fascinated.

It’s embarrassing so I won’t say so though....

“Nest~! What about me~?”

At that moment, Lily thrust herself between Aura and me.

For a second, I thought Aura had an unusual look of discontent on her face regarding Lily, but it must have been my imagination.

“Oh, as I thought, Lily’s cute too~!”

When Lily clung to me without any hesitation whatsoever, I recalled what Ethique told me just then, but I guess I don’t have to ask about it now.

“Mh!”

When I pat Lily on the head, she looks at me with a dissatisfied face as though she sensed something.

“Ahaha, sorry, sorry.”

Afterwards, I focused on what was in front of me and pat Lily’s head a lot.

After praising Lily, it was Tré’s turn.

There was last night’s incident as well; I won’t forgive any blunders here.

“Tré looks really mature.”

“...Mn.”

She originally didn’t talk much, and unlike Lily, her not coming directly to me to be pampered showed maturity beyond her age.

“...”

She just nodded at my words, but didn’t say any more.

“Er... Come over here.”

I beckoned Tré over and she immediately came before me, then I pat Tré on the head like did to Lily before.

“.....Nn.....”

Tré writhed in embarrassment, but I didn’t stop my patting.

“...It’s alright, Tré’s cute too.”

I say that once, and once again continue petting Tré.

“T-thank you...”

“You’re welcome.”

After a while, Tré looked satisfied so I separated from her.

When we separated, my hand felt a little empty, but I thought that patting a girls head too much might be *you know*, so I endured.

“Nest-sama and companions, it’s almost time to head to the assembly hall.”

Right then, I was addressed by a maid.

“Huh, but isn’t it still a little early?”

According to the letter I received, the party was said to start at night time if I remember correctly....

“No, you will also need to go around and pay your greetings to the various party attendees, so this time is appropriate.”

“Ah, I see.”

If the maid is saying that then I’m sure that’s how it is.

We walked over to the party hall, led by the maid.

In the party hall, just like the maid had said, many nobles at already arrived.

“Hey, Aura, What am I meant to do at times like this!?”

As I tried to ask Aura whether we should go pay our greetings or something too, several men suddenly cut in between us.

“I-I’m called Ivy!”

“I’m William! N-nice to meet you!”

Somehow, it seemed like everyone was introducing themselves to Aura.

Well, Aura is certainly a beauty, so it can’t be helped if she gets surrounded in a place like this.

“T-then let’s ask Tré...”

It was already too late.

Tré had also been surrounded by several boys.

Wondering if Lily was alright, I turned to have a look. It looked like Lily had clung to me somehow, escaping disaster.

“...”

Eh, no one is coming to me?

...L-lily came, didn’t she!

“...Er, let’s head to a corner...”

“Hm?”

In the end, I decided to head to a corner of the hall, bringing the puzzled Lily with me.

At that time, food was rapidly brought into the hall.

Meat and vegetables, as well as fruit, there were really many kinds of dishes.

Looking at the people around, it seems like it's alright to eat the food that was brought in.

"Does Lily want to eat too?"

"Nn~"

When I look at Lily's face, it doesn't seem like she is very hungry yet, so I decided to wait a little longer.

Crash

Suddenly, the sound of plates breaking resounded.

"M-my apologies!!"

What was heard next was a woman's apology.

When I turned to see what was happening, it seems like a young maid had dropped one of the dishes.

She bowed her head and apologised over and over, and even now she was cleaning up the broken plate.

The surrounding nobles didn't reproach her, but their faces didn't look too good nonetheless.

"Ouch!"

Then, the maid cut her finger on the plate and gave a small cry.

"Nest~?"

When Lily called out to me, I quickly dashed over to the maid.

"Ufufu~"

Lily laughs as though she understood what I wanted to say.

"Show me your hand."

"Eh, o-okay..."

The maid timidly holds out her uninjured hand.

Perhaps she was worried about being told off.

“Not this one, that one.”

I took hold of the maid’s other hand. Since I’m not trying to do anything bad, I’ll just ignore her nervousness for now.

“Heal.”

I cast recovery magic.

When I do, the wound on the maid’s hand that had been bleeding until now completely disappeared.

“Err, that’s it.”

Leaving the dumbfounded maid behind, Lily and I again returned to the corner of the hall where we were before.

“Nest was so cool~!!”

“Thanks.”

I relaxed my face at Lily’s compliment and continued walking.

Chapter 67: Rapidly Multiplying

“H-hello! My name is Shirceil! P-leased to make your acquaintance!”

“I am Vitelle! L-let’s have a meal together sometime!”

“...Y-yeah.”

Lily and I had retreated back to the corner after treating the maid, but somehow we’ve now been surrounded by young noblewomen.

Even though they didn’t even glance at me before, their sudden turnaround response was honestly bewildering.

“Nest~ It’s hot~”

Lily, who was still clinging to me even now, was caught up in that and became unable to leave even though she could before.

“Really, what happened all of a sudden...?”

Looking around at the rapidly multiplying young noblewomen, I sighed inwardly.

“Haah... I’m exhausted...”

I was jostled around by the young noblewomen for a short while after that, but I finally got released.

“Good for you, to be courted by those cute girls.”

“Was that even considered courting...?”

Turning around to look at Aura who had called out from behind me, I grumbled.

I only discovered it when I turned around, but Aura wore a sullen face, as though she was unable to stomach something.

“Just using something like recovery magic in front of everyone would make them think that you possess the funds to be able to learn recovery magic at least.

Furthermore, you treated a maid despite being in such a position, making it

seem like you also have a good personality.”

“Huh, so it was like that...”

If it's the treatment of a wound of that size, it wouldn't look like I possessed particularly abnormal recovery magic so I was careless and thought it was fine, but I never thought there would be such a pitfall...

“...Be more careful from now on.”

With her voice still containing a somewhat moody tone, she left with a word of parting and once again returned to the place she was in just before.

“...?”

Without really understanding the reason for Aura's sullenness, I stood there puzzled.

“I wonder what could have happened... huh, she's not here...”

I thought to ask Lily at a time like this, but she had disappeared without me knowing as though she had really hated being surrounded earlier.

“Well then, let us begin the dancing soon.”

Arriving at some point in time, the saint, Luna, announced in a well-projected voice.

“...I should head outside for a bit and kill some time.”

I momentarily slipped out from the party hall.

If you ask me why, it's because I have no experience with dancing.

Because I know how embarrassing it would be, there was no way I would do it willingly.

Walking around inside the castle, I eventually arrived at what appeared to be a courtyard.

“...So there was a place like this.”

I ran around the whole place when I infiltrated the castle before, but this is the first time I've come here.

The lawn growing at my feet was all cleanly cut to the same length, and it

looked very orderly.

“Sigh...”

I feel guilty for crushing the grass, but I lay down there.

There is no ceiling in this courtyard-like place, so I was able to look up to see the sky.

The sky had fallen to darkness, giving off the impression that it was perpetually stretching out without end.

“...It’s beautiful...”

In the courtyard I was in now, there was no sense of the populated capital and no one was around, making it feel like the end of the world.

The lawn was comfortably soft, in addition to the night sky; the coolness made it feel very nice.

“Crunch...”

Thanks to that, the sound of tiny footsteps was easily heard.

“...Is someone there?”

Perhaps it was someone else who slipped out from the party like me.

“...”

After a brief moment of silence, the shadow in the darkness slowly revealed its true identity.

“...It’s Lily~”

Standing there was the one who had disappeared without realising, Lily, who was wearing the dress prepared by the maids— —.

Chapter 68: Shall we dance.....?

“.....Lily?”

There’s someone coming out from the dark, and it turns out to be Lily.

“Are, why are you here?”

Usually, it’s time to dance right now, even if Lily can not dance, I think there is no come here.....

“N~? when I think I wanted to dance with nest, I see you going somewhere so I following you”

“Ah, I see. I’m sorry for that.....”

“Un, it’s okay, is it not good?”

“Etto, shall we dance.....?”

Lily says it’s okay, maybe Lily was looking forward to dancing.

“Eh, can I!?”

As I thought, she takes my proposal with full of spirit.

“Yup, it’s okay”

Even if our dance is too poor, it will not be embarrassing because there’s no one here.

There’s cool and good feeling coming to my body, so in order to dance with Lily, I headed to Lily.

“Etto, is it like this.....?”

I never had a dance like this before, so I glance to the back sometimes, it’s to make sure that my body and Lily is close enough or not, then I place my hand to the Lily waist.

“Hmm Hmm Hmm”

After that, my leg is moving according to Lily humming.

Honestly, I don’t know if I’m doing it right or not but, Lily is having fun right

now, I know it if I see it, but it's strange because it's surprisingly fun.

the sky is dominated by the darkness, and there's a lawn growing beautifully at our feet.

Coming from the corridor, a good sensation of wind brushing my face so gently.

"Hmm~~ hmm~ hmm"

I only hear a good voice coming from Lily casually.

If I hear a sound except that, then it was a small voice I make at the time when I make a mistake.

Only me and Lily, there's no one here, there's no music, there's no light too, in such situation, there are 2 people dancing so happily.....

"That was fun!!"

After a while, finally, we finished dancing, we fell down on top of the lawn, and look to the sky.

Incidentally Lily is on top of me now. So cute. (Tn: (๖ ̇ 5 ̇))

"..... The party, it's fun"

"Yeah, I want to come again"

Lily reply my word and then look to the sky.

"..... That girl is a demon, isn't she?"

At that time, I remember what Ethique say.

And if Lily is really a demon then—

—she will be brought back to demon country.

"....."

It might be better to try and ask what she thought about that now.

After a bit of silence, I finally decided to do so.

"Hey, Lily—"

If it's possible, I hope she said that she is not.

Also, I want to have fun with all of the once again without worrying anything.

“—are you a demon?”

I’m listening to Lily while caressing her head

“N? Lily is—”

And then, at the time when Lily answer my question—

‘Pariiin’

—there’s something break, a loud sound, was entering our ears.

“Wa!?”

The sound just now was coming from party hall.

It seems Lily is surprised by the sound before, she hugging me right now.

“Maybe, in the middle of party, there is a contact from the demon side, so we should be careful”

Speaking of which, Ethique said that as well

“Oh!!”

Instantly I grab Lily, and run to the party hall.

“Heal!!”

I forget to rephrase the spell, I keep running and arrive at the party hall.

A window fragment scattering at the floor of the party hall.

All people there staring at the smashed window.

“..... wa.....”

I run through the people while looking around.

“..... Oi Oi, it’s a joke, right.....?”

And then, it’s only one. Only one thing that I understand here.

I can’t find Tre and Aura—.

Chapter 69: Ah, Yes

At the time when we return to the party hall, we can't find Tre and Aura here.

"..... Ha....."

But I still not losing my hope yet.

Perhaps, they get tired after dancing, then decided to walk around inside the castle like us.

"..... Heal..... Heal....."

I searched for the two of them and repeatedly applied recovery magic to myself several times.

.....I know that the possibility they are here is low.

Because, the maid in this hall, keep unpleasantly looking at me.

Maybe the meaning of that gaze is.....

However, I had no choice except to bet on such a wish.

"..... Heal..... Hah....."

I can hear my footsteps, there's no one in the corridor.

"Heeaaal!!"

And then, the impatience is taking over me, there's only a sound from my yelling, echoing inside the long corridor –.

"....."

For how long have I been running?

After I running around the castle while applying recovery magic, finally, I came back to the party hall.

"....."

I walking with shaking feet, and approach a man in the hall.

"..... What happened here.....?"

In the end, I need ask someone, I know that I should be asking the people from the beginning.

“Eh, ah, actually, someone has been kidnapped.....”

As I thought.....

I click my tongue reflexively, my anger is driving me mad. But I should endure it and listen until the end.

“If I remember correctly, I think it was a girl with red hair and the girl with light brown hair..... No one could’ve stopped it because it was so sudden.....”

.....It’s regrettable, the only thing matching is just the hair color.

“..... ah, if I remember correctly they talking about something like smell, eh I wonder if that is correct.....?”

That, perhaps about Lily’s scent.

Since along the way they slept together yesterday, both of them should have Lily’s scent on them.

“..... Thank you”

Inside of myself, there’s a big emotion begin to rise up, and I know what it is.

“Oh, there you are”

“.....?”

Suddenly, there’s a sound coming from behind me.

When I turn around, there is King Ethique standing there.

“Ha, King-sama!?”

The noble who was talking to me before, suddenly lowered his head, and I’m not an exception now.

“..... what’s wrong.....?”

“Ah, just now a demon familiar came and kidnapped some people, did you already know?”

“Ah, I know”

A demon familiar, this is the first time I hear about this but, that's not important now.

"..... you hate it.....?"

And then, Ethique looked directly into my eyes.

Most likely, it's because my face became serious.

Ethique moves his eyes to not see my face.

But, I understand. I completely understand.

The words that Ethique will say next.

But I don't want to hear that.

"..... master, it's your companions"

.....

.....

.....

.....

After that, I don't remember what he said.

When I notice it, I was lying on the bed, and grasping the futon tightly.

"..... Aah"

I feel that my eyes became wet.

And my voice became hoarse, and my throat feels weird.

"..... He...al"

I chanting healing magic to heal my voice that became hoarse.

".....Haa....."

Most likely I have troubled Ethique here.

I feel bad about it.....

However, I can't continue like this.

I wake up from the futon and approach the door to leave this room.

“Nest-, are you awake-?”

Exactly at that time, there’s Lily came in with the meal, open the door and enter the room.

“Ah, you woke up Nest-!”

“A, ah.....”

I don’t understand what I heard from Ethique before, I don’t even understand what we talk about before.

“I make this for Nest, do you want to eat?” (Tn: ugh I can’t make it cuter. Actually, the raw is cuter. Sorry about that.) Lily urged me to come back to the bed, and I abide it.

“Fuh– fuh-”

Lily blows the food that she carries.

“Okay, aan”

And then, I try to eat it just like that.

“A, aan”

..... ah, it’s delicious. As I thought, everything that Lily make is delicious.

“Eh, this is wrooong!!”

What am I doing?

I should try to confirm the information right now, Aura and Tre has been kidnaped you know!?

I don’t have a spare time to do this right now!!!

There must be something I could do right now!

And that is—

“Ah, Lily”

“Hmm, what-?”

She get surprised because I’m suddenly yelling, then she replies with a little confusion.

“Lily you are—”

I heard this before.

But at that time various troubles occurred, so I can't hear it in the end.

“—demon, right?”

This time, it's different from before, it's not “are you a demon?”, there's a lot of possibilities this is true, finally, I will hear the truth from Lily.

Chapter 70: Let's Give Up Already

"Is Lily a demon?"

There's no one here except us, finally, I can hear it from Lily.

"..... Eh? That's right-?"

"....."

Even though I was nervous, it seems Lily did not particularly care about that.

Wha, what should I do now?

"Etto, so why you didn't tell this to me before...?"

Even though it's okay if she told me about this sooner.

"That's because I was not asked!"

I was shocked when I heard this, and Lily inflating her cheeks as if she got slightly angry.

"Eh, I definitely never ask about this but...."

But still, isn't it fine to tell me about this sooner?

"Muu..."

My words make tears floating from Lily's eyes and she turned her face away from me. (Tn: I activated my trap card! Loli power activated! With this trap card every mistake will be forgiven)

"Ah, sorry. It's my bad because I didn't ask about this before"

it was as if I'm the one who makes her cry.

If someone coming this way, it will become a misunderstanding again — (Tn: just for reminder, Nest make 2 mistakes before. And because of that he labeled as 'LOLICON')

"Are you okay-? Nest-san"

—or not....

Exactly at this moment, Luna entering this room.

“.....”

And as expected, after she looked at our situation, it became silent.

Ah, it certainly will become a misunderstanding.

“Le, Let me tell you this first, I’m not teasing Lily okay...”

I tell this to her but, it sounds like an excuse.

“Come here Lily-chan.....”

As expected it will become like this, Luna ignores my words and call Lily who crying beside me.

“..... I’m okay with Nest.....”

“Wa”

But toward that Luna, Lily keep crying while cuddling me.

“.....Fu...Fufu.....Fu...”

Luna opened her eyes in surprise, and I’m desperately holding my laugh.

“..... Hmm!!”

Luna once again glares at me and leave this room.

Fufufu, I win.....!!

“.....I’m sorry, Nest...”

After Luna went outside, Lily told that to me.

“No, I’m so sorry too okay...?”

After I caressing Lily’s head, I’m back into action.

“Etto, about that story...”

After Lily calm down, Lily sit on my lap, then I begin to talk.

“What should I do about it?”

Honestly, I didn’t think about this before.

In the first place, I don’t know much about demon .

I just know that they are strong and have wings.

“Are, what happens with your wings Lily...?”

I just notice that Lily doesn't have wings even though she's a demon, so I ask about it.

“aren't adults the one who have wings-?”

“Hee...”

Looks like I'm the only one who doesn't know about it. (Tn: reminder again, Nest is an ignorant bumpkin. For proof, he didn't even know how healing magic actually works)

Well, I never go out from my hometown before, so it's normal to not know about this right!?

“And, it's about Aura and Tre, what should we do now...?”

For this case, there's no way we can handle this alone.

Hmm, what should I do.....?

“I will help!!”

“Wa”

He said that while opening the door roughly, the one who came into the room was, the King-sama Ethique.

Because he suddenly appears, Lily who sit at my lap become scared.

“it was my turn to shine when a case like this come!”

..... that's true, if it's King ethique then, he have capability to fix various situation like this.

“Etto, I'll leave it to you okay...?”

“Your words has been heard!!”

His eyes glittering when Ethique give a response to me.

“Ah, that's right, at a time like this, it's better if you prepare your black cloak now, did you bring it?”

Then, suddenly Ethique remind me about that thing.

“.....”

Of course I didn't bring it. Rather, it's too late, because I have throw it away, but I can't say that.

“..... A, ah, to tell you the truth I forgot to bring it from home, so I will buy the new one”

With that reply, Ethique will understand, and I will avoided to wear that embarrassing cloack, and everyone will be happy.

“Ah, to be honest I still have the same one for preparation if something happened, so it's okay!”

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“Tha, that's very helpful.....”

Let's give up already—.

Chapter 71: I didn't want to bid a farewell to Lily

"Well, you said you wanted to help, but what will you do?"

Even though you wanted to help me save Aura and Tre, in reality there's a problem with that. By the way, all the demons are probably searching for Lily's whereabouts; yea I'll go along with that.

"Umm, how about Nest just plunging in there as 'Jet Black Savior'-sama?" - Ethique

"No, isn't that strange!?" -Nest

What is the power Ethique wanted to lend to me to do that?

Black cloak? Black cloak is it?

"No, No, it's a joke" -Ethique

Ethique waving his hand, even though he said that was a joke, honestly, it did not sound like a joke at all.

"Umu, well then, what should we do...?" -Ethique

"So you didn't think about that before!?" -Nest

After approaching with such a statement, I thought you already had a good plan!

"..."-Ethique

I think that was just a joke but, when I see ethique thinking about something with all he got, looks like it was true.

"... Oioi..." -Nest

In front of me there's Ethique who thinking about something, and there's Lily who until now has been keeping close to me, it made me spill out a sigh.

"... How about sending an envoy?" -Ethique

Ethique who pondering about something muttered with a small voice.

"Envoy?" -Nest

I reflexively asked back.

It's because I didn't understand the true meaning of that word when it was suddenly said.

"Ah, if we send you as an official envoy to the Demon Country, the two of you can go into their castle without a problem" -Ethique

"Oh!"-Nest

In that case we can save extra effort with that.

"The reason will be 'in the middle of our party someone has been kidnaped', that will be enough" -Ethique

"If that has been decided then let's go now!"-Nest

Even now Aura and Tre maybe in danger.

I urged Ethique to make so we can depart soon.

"No, there's no need for us to be in hurry. They will soon realize they incorrectly kidnaped someone other than Lily, above all, it was a party guest, so they will not handle them roughly" -Ethique

"But, even so, there's still a probability of a worst case..."-Nest

I still urged Ethique.

"Actually, I dare to say that they are safe because that's not the only reason." -Ethique

"...Hah?"-Nest

If there is another reason then please tell me sooner.

"That another reason is...?"-Nest

"A-about that...That Perfect Princess, to say it briefly, it-it is that Demon Princess's preference..." -Ethique

It's unusual for Ethique to feel shameful, he replied to me with a whisper.

"A-anyway! I can guarantee those two are safe! So don't worry about it!" -Ethique

Then Ethique finished that with a loud voice, I can't pursue it anymore, then

without saying anything he left the room to make the preparations to send me as an envoy.

“Even if you said ‘don’t worry’ to me...”-Nest

I have never seen Ethique like that, honestly, it makes me not want to expect it too much.

“Ah, that’s right, what will happen to Lily?”-Nest

“Hnn-?”-Lily

Hearing me say that, Lily tilted her neck to look up.

“No, what they aimed for, was to take Lily back to home it seems, so at the time I become an envoy, I think it would be best for Lily to wait here.”-Nest

On the contrary it will be a problem if she didn’t want to wait here. There’s a possibility at the time when I go to save Aura and Tre, they will use that opportunity and take Lily; I can’t go if it’s like that.

No, in the first place Lily is living in there, maybe it can’t be helped, I don’t want to suddenly bid farewell to Lily.

“Noo-!!”-Lily

But of course, Lily will make a tantrum.

“Even you say that...”-Nest

But it’s not good to take Lily.

“If you take Lily-, Lily can lead you to various places-!”-Lily

“Ugh...”-Nest

That’s certainly true.

If it’s an ordinary shop then, maybe I still can ask for directions but, if it’s inside the castle, Lily’s power will be needed to enter places which can’t be entered normally.

“Hah, I will take you but, you can’t wander alone okay?”-Nest

In the end, Lily will go with me but, this is the limit of I can do for now. After that, I will ask her to properly listen and do what I say.

Besides, if something happens—

—I hope I don't need to become 'Jet Black Savior'.

Chapter 72: This Is How Elderly Is

“Well then, I wish you luck”

“Ah, I’m going”

Right now, Ethique sent me off, as I was about to leave the castle.

It looks like Ethique has prepared various thing, and it was decided that I would depart early.

“fufuun”

As an envoy that goes to the demon country, Ethique has prepared a carriage for me to go there but, inside this spacious carriage there’s Lily humming a song while swinging her leg so happily.

By the way there are only 2 people inside this carriage, me and Lily. (Tn:

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Ethique gave an order that only a few people can go, from the start we planned on only the two us and one more person who works as the coachman.

“Well then, let’s go”

From how she talks, looks like the one who became our coachman is an aunty.

“Ah, please”

“Please-!”

After Lily replied with a loud voice, The aunty coachman said.

“Okay”

In a low voice,as the carriage began to advance.

“If I remember correctly, Lily is a princess right?”

Inside the carriage, at the time when I talk with Lily, suddenly I remember that, so I try to ask her.

“Yup-, is that something amazing-?”

“Ah, that’s amazing”

When I was still a kid, I didn’t understand social position very well, that’s why she asks again, let’s tell her a little bit.

“You know, princess is something that everybody longing for. Because all princess is beautiful after all.”

“If Lily is a princess, will Nest long for me-?”

“Ah, I adore you very much” (Tn: Call 911 now!! Save our Lily!!)(Ed: (◡‿◡))

“Fuun”

Lily made a slightly happy voice when she heard my words, then she places her head on my lap.

I forgot who I heard this from but, it looks like this is what they call ‘lap pillow’.

Ah, usually it’s the man was the one who receive this ‘lap pillow’, that’s what I heard but, well, it doesn’t matter.

“I wonder what kind of place the demon country is.”

Right now Lily is leaning her head on top of my lap, Let’s try asking her.

At the time I was still in my village, I have seen a demon a couple of times before, honestly, there’s not much difference from us.

Perhaps, maybe the demon country isn’t that different .

“Hnnn, etto, that will be fun right-?”

Lily shows a behaviour like she was thinking for a while ,but in the end she only tells me little, no it’s kinda vague.

“I, I see...”

It seems it will be useless unless I try to look into it myself...

“...So, why were two of sent as the envoy?”

In the middle of the break, the coachman aunty talking with us.

Etto, It’s okay to say it right...?

“Ah, actually we were attending the party in the town but, the demons took my companions to demon country by mistake, and this time I begged King-sama to let me go there.”

The source of that mistake is Lily who is leaning on me and sleeping right now but, it doesn't matter doesn't it.

“Hee, that was a disaster”

My words made the aunty open her mouth in surprise.

“Well, they are a precious people to me, that's why...”

... Aahh, it's really embarrassing because don't usually say such things.

Even though the other party is an elderly but, why did I tell her something unnecessary like that.

“Hee, not bad”

And then, somehow the aunty misunderstood something, the face that full of wrinkles and that smile when she looking at me showing as if she found something interesting.

“That, that's wrong, it's not like that”

I don't know what the heck is wrong or right but, I make an excuse to defend myself.

“...That, just a, how I should say it... Aaahhh!”

I thought I could say something ,but in the end I couldn't think anything and raised a strange voice.

“Ku ku ku”

Aunty held her laugh but, frankly she couldn't hold it in at all.

“Haa...”

As I thought, this is how elderly is...

Even at my village, I remember that there's was a child who turned an elder into his enemy but, a few days later he became obedient to that elder.

“Well, do your best okay”

“Yes, thank you very much”

I will not forget to give my thanks to the aunty who cheers me.

“Well then, Let’s go...”

After she finished talking with me, aunty returns to her job as coachman, and the carriage start moving again.

Chapter 73: It's Something Bouncy

"Oooi, you can see the demon country now"

While we were having our leisure time, I heard the aunty's voice.

"...Ooh"

In the distance I can see the demon country, what I want to say is it's normally big.

I think it's as big as the capital, maybe.

"Hey, that's the checkpoint"

Aunty raised her finger and told me the location of checkpoint.

".....?"

In the distance I can see people standing at the checkpoint, that, what can I say, I felt like it looked bigger, maybe because I see them strangely apart.

"....."

We gradually approach the checkpoint and noticed.

At the checkpoint, it seems that a huge armor was placed there. (pr: #triggered)

Next to it, there's a person that probably manages the checkpoint, to pass through them I need to get confirmation from them.

"Well then, as the carriage from a different place and can't pass through here, please go there first"

"Ok"

As aunty said, Lily and I went down from the carriage and went to the checkpoint.

"Well then, after you pass through please wait in the meeting point"

"Etto, well, let's go"

"Un~!"

I can't stay here for a long, so I headed to the checking point while pulling Lily's hand.

"Hnn, you are?"

When they see us, the person in the checking point called us.

"Ah, we came here as an envoy..."

I said so, and show the official paper from the inside of luggage.

"Oh, so it's an envoy, I will check it for a moment"

"Yes, please"

I handed the document to the person who was in the checkpoint and waiting in another room

"Ah, that's right, what with that armor in the checkpoint?"

I was waiting for a long time, so I asked as it was bothering me.

"Is it that? that was my familiar..."

"So that was a familiar?"

It was a word that I never heard before, so I unintentionally asked again.

"Yes, That ogre was my familiar"

"Ogre!?"

He said ogre, right? it's the thing that I beat before, isn't it?

"Ogre is that a monster right...?"

I ask timidly.

"Yes, but to distinguish it we put an armor on them"

"Eh, hee..."

I never thought that there will be an ogre here...

"Ah, I have confirmed that you are an envoy, so it's ok to pass through"

"Ok"

After they confirm us as the envoys, we were safely able to pass through the

checkpoint.

... Aah, I remember, I forgot to ask about the familiar.

Well, I'll try to ask Lily about it next time.

"Oh, that was slow wasn't it?"

After I left the checkpoint, the aunty who was waiting earlier called us.

"Yes, I'm sorry, it seems it took some time to confirm the document"

I apologized while looking down at my baggage.

"No no, I didn't wait too long"

After that, we talking for a bit and decide to head to the inn.

"Oh, as expected all of them brought a monster"

Looking around while walking on the street, as expected, there are people walking around with various monsters.

There's a goblin that helped me a lot, and something puffing that I have never seen before.

Incidentally, besides monsters, there's a demon who has a tail and wings, but since I knew it before, it's not so surprising.

"Ah, that was a familiar"

As expected aunty also knows about familiars, at least inform me earlier.

"Ano, what is a familiar ...?"

I thought about asking Lily later, but I still want to know, so I asked about it now.

"Hnn? familiar?"

"Yes, actually I don't quite understand much about it..."

As I thought I wish I studied more when I was still in the village.

"Etto, the demons that are suitable with dark magic are able to summon and make a contract for themselves"

"In short, that's what 'familiar' is?"

“That’s what it is. The ogre with an armor at the checkpoint is an excellent one among the demons, but mostly it was slime or goblin around here”

“Hee...”

The slime is, the guy that looks bouncy isn’t it? (pr: slimes puff?)(Tn: actually at raw it says puyopuyo i want to said jelly-like but it’s kinda weird)

Or rather, the aunty noticed that inside tharmorour was an ogre.

“Ah, this is the inn that we will be staying in tonight”

While saying that, aunty stops in front of a single inn.

It seems that we will staying here today, and make preparations to go to the castle tomorrow.

By the way, the reason why aunty decided to stay in this inn is because it seems the food here is really delicious.

“Well, Let’s go”

Guided by aunty we open the door to the inn.

Chapter 74: As Expected, She Is a Child But She Is a Demon

“Well then, I will stay here, I’ll come back if something happens”

“Understood, I will go then”

I came to the demon country, to stay for a night, and we are currently at the dining room in the first floor of the inn.

Aunty who worked as our coachman was sending us off.

“see you later!”

And then, after Lily says goodbye, the two of us headed for the castle.

“Haa, somehow, this feeling is like the feeling when I saw the castle before”

“Nn?”

From the point when I left the inn, it made me feel like I’m doing the same thing as when I was in the capital.

Even when I saw the castle in the capital, I was surprised with how big it is.

“This is the place where Lily lived in before right...?”

“That’s right?”

Oh, by the way this is in the front of the castle but, and I had Lily wear a coat for children to hide her face.

At the time when they found out Lily at the castle, there will be neither child nor former child. (ed:yeah im totally lost but im gonna assume that this statement implies if they get found out in the castle they won’t know its lili, the original lili?)

“Well then, shall we?”

I call Lily and looked at the gatekeeper that was up ahead.

“Ano, I came here as an envoy...”

I show the document and say that to the gatekeeper.

“Oh, so you are the messenger, please don’t hesitate we’ve already been informed”

I don’t know what they were told, but we succeeded in entering the castle. Inside, there are maids like in the capital.

“Welcome, please come inside, um...”

“Ah, I’m sorry. I am nest. Please take care of me”

I introduced myself in a hurry, because the maid just now didn’t know my name I think.

“Please take care of me too, Nest-sama”

Starting from that maid, a few maids in the back also come and told me, “please take care of me.”

“And, it’s very shameful but, right now, demon king-sama is about to leave, he may return tonight or tomorrow morning I think. Because of that, I’m so sorry but Nest-sama and the companion please stay here for a night, we will prepare a room in the castle”

“Un, understood”

The one I want to meet was Aura and Tre that were mistakenly taken by the demon princess, I want to meet them but, I will go to the room obediently for now.

Perhaps it’s possible to find a gap in the meantime and roam around in the castle.

And then, led by the maid, I took Lily’s hand that’s hiding her face and went to the room.

“This way please”

After saying that, the maid lead us to a room that only need to walk for a bit from the place before.

In there, Lily and I rested in the room that seems too big for the two of us.

“well then, please call us if you need something”

As soon as I thanked her, she left and went back to work.

“Nee, can I take this off?”

A little bit later after the maid left the room, Lily asked if she could take off the coat she was wearing.

“Nn, I wonder”

It will probably become a problem if Maid-san suddenly enters the room.

“This is so hot!”(ED: (◡‿◡) don’t mind me)

However, contrary to my worry, Lily take off her coat and threw it on top of the bed.

“Haa, it can’t be helped then...”

Well, maybe it’ll be fine if I listen for the sound of incoming footsteps.

I listened while watching Lily who was happily playing in the room.

“Once again, I’m really sorry. Actually demon king-sama will be back after two days. I’m so sorry but please stay here for one more night”

That day, maid-san told me that while bringing dinner to the room.

Incidentally I feel relieved because Lily was neatly wearing the coat right now.

“Is that so, I understand”

Actually it’s very convenient for me.

That way, I have a spare time to go around the castle for a day.

She said I’m really sorry while bowing her head again, it’s bad but I hid my snicker.

“Nest, do you want to sleep already!?”

After I took my meal, I slipped into the bed.

Because of that, Lily asked me.

“A, ah. it’s a little bit early but I wonder if I should go to sleep”

I want to be in perfect condition as preparation for tomorrow.

For that reason, I want to go to sleep early but...

“No!!”

Lily didn't allow such thing, and forcefully took away the futon.

As expected, she is a child But she is a demon

I couldn't handle the strength that made me lose at arm wrestling.

“Nest should be accompanying Lily!”

“Even if you say that...”

I want to go to bed now...

If I try to match Lily's sleeping time , then there's a chance that I will be late tomorrow.

“We, well then, do you want to sleep together Lily?” (Tn: pedometer intensify)(Ed: I approve)

I said so to revive from this hopeless situation.

“Really!?”

And then Lily comes with terrible force.

“Recently, I always endure it for the sake of being together with Aura oneechan and Nest!”

“Eh, hee, is that so?”

Perhaps it's around the time when I was rumored as pervert.

But this time it was a good luck as it did well.

“We, well, let's go to sleep”

“Un”

I place my hand in the waist of Lily who nodded cheerfully, and lying in the bed together—.

Chapter 75: I Pushed Lily

“...Nn... aah... it’s already morning...”

The lights entering from the window makes me narrow my eyes and my body feels heavy.

“...Nn...”

Lily who is beside me, still seems to be sleepy.

“Hora, it’s morning Lily”

I whispered that close to her ear and shake that light and small body.

“...Nn... muu, it’s ticklish...”

Then, Lily who still seems sleepy somehow raised her body.

Lily and I faced each other now.

It’s for the sake of telling Lily that we have a lot of things to do.

“Etto, I don’t have any special tasks for today, but I need to look for Aura and Tre here”

“Un?”

When I said that, Lily tilted her head, I wonder if her head still doesn’t work properly because she’s still sleepy.

But I keep going as if didn’t care about it.(Ed:yeah im just gonna misrepresent the whole thing in my head)

“Like I said, I will going around the castle today, but I will search for them by myself for now. I will let Lily help if there’s something that I don’t know”

Honestly, maybe it’s better to let Lily guide me inside the castle from the beginning, but I think it’s better for me to look by myself in the beginning to prevent Lily get found out and dangerous situation as much as possible.

“Undetand” (Tn: it’s not a typo. She say wa atta in raw)

Her articulation didn’t function well that made her tone like that, but I

understand Lily properly, she raised her hand above her head to let me know that she understands.

Yosh, after things with Lily is confirmed, let's go to search inside the castle immediately—

‘Ton ton’

—That's what I thought when suddenly someone knocked on the door. (Ed: yeah たたかれた means hit, which knocking technically is)

“!?”

I immediately turned towards the door.

Perhaps because I was talking with Lily yesterday, I didn't notice the footsteps coming closer to the room.

I searched for a coat for Lily to wear in hurry, but surprisingly the coat has been folded and placed on the desk that was far away from the bed.

At this rate, I won't make it in time if the people who knocked open the door.

“Excuse me please”

the moment I thought of that,, I heard the voice of the maid-san who I heard a few times yesterday.

“Wha, what should I do...!?”

From what the maid said, I know that she is already about to enter the room.

“!!”

Instantly I sit on the bed and pushed down Lily.

“Good morning, Nest-sama and the companion”

In the next moment, maid-san come into the room and said a greeting.

“Ah, go, good morning”

I can't see her face but, probably maid-san see me pushing down Lily who knows it is a little child from the size of the body, I wonder what that maid-san thinking right now...

Perhaps she has personality that doesn't show her emotions, but I won't

know her real intentions by looking at the maid's face.

"We have prepared the breakfast, do you want to bring it here?"

"Ah, yes, please..."

When maid-san stated her business, I could only nod.

"Ha, as I thought, it was so close"

Right now we were sitting facing each other and started eating breakfast.

After we finish eating breakfast, maid-san came and was cleaning up the dishes, and now the table is in a beautiful state without dirt on the table.

"Etto, well then, I'll go looking for Aura and Tre for a bit, so wear that coat properly so your face can't be seen okay?"

"Okay!"

I felt a little worried when heard what Lily said, then I prepared to leave the room slowly.

"... There's no one here right...?"

When I left the room, I looked around in the vicinity, but I didn't find the presence of anyone the corridor.

"...Yosh, well let's go this way first, maybe...?"

Of course I don't know where they, but I should search for them immediately.

I decide to go to the opposite direction from when I came to the room.

"Yosh, let's do this...!"

I was thinking enthusiastically when I saw that there were quite a lot of the doors.

"... I can't find them. I really can't find them"

From the moment I began to search, I couldn't find them no matter how much I search, I gradually begin to remember that crisis.

The deadline is probably only this whole day.

...Should I return to the room and search with Lily?

Perhaps that way the probability of finding Aura and Tre will increase.

‘... ..ne...’

‘... .. desu... ...’

“Eh!?”

When I was wondering whether I returned to the room or not, my ears hear a voice that I felt familiar.

I run with all I got to the direction of the voice.

“Hee...”

“Amazing...”

I felt that voice gradually become bigger.

And, that voice seemed to be heard from a certain room.

“...”

From inside, there’s a voice of Aura and Tre, and the voice from someone I knew.

Ethique said they will be fine but, right now, I feel worried about whether those two in bad situation or not.

“...haa”

I nervously open the door.

“...tte are?”

Inside the room, there’s 3 people, Aura, Tre, and someone I don’t know.

In their underwear... (Tn: Yup, the princess was into yuri...)(Ed: this chap is a goldmine)

Chapter 76: Unknown Ceiling

"Haah....."

Right now, I was invited to come to Ethique's party.

When we arrived at the assembly hall, there were already a lot of invitees there, as soon as I entered the assembly hall, I got surrounded by a lot of men.

Because of that, I was separated with Nest.

"I—"

There were a lot of self-introductions from various direction, but honestly, it didn't enter my head at all.

The impatience was growing inside of me.

Well, I was feeling impatient since the beginning.

The reason is, it's because of Nest.

When Lily, aura, and I changed into dresses, the first thing Nest said to me was

"It suited you",

When he said that, no one knew about it, but I was feeling happy when he praised me, I was desperate to hold back my cheeks from loosening. (ed note: tsundere spotted)

After me, Nest praised Lily, even though he didn't say it to me, he said

"Cute" to Lily!

Furthermore, he was hugging her, I can't accept it.

Finally, I was the only one who didn't get praised as

"Cute" by Nest.

That's why I'm in the middle of this rave of praise right now. (Tn: Aah... she wants to make Nest jealous) (Ed: flag raised)

However, I can't hold back this feeling any longer.

It will be the time for everyone to enjoy the dance soon.

Men and women will pair up, and dance while hugging each other, it was the perfect opportunity to appeal the companion.

Right now, I got an Invite by a lot of people, but I refused it politely.

I had decided, who I want to dance with.

Who I want to dance with, of course, he was the person who didn't know how to dance, yup, it was my master

—

—It was only Nest.

"...Tte, he's not here!!"

When I thought to look for him, Nest was already gone.

" Really, Idiot Nest..."

There was no one who replied to my murmur.

After that, I didn't want to dance anymore, and I took a light meal with me to the corner of the hall by myself.

"Ara, isn't it Tre?"

"Ah, Aura-san, so you were in this place desu ne"

Suddenly, I met Tre on the way, and we decided to walk together with only two of us.

It seems Tre also had various troubles.

Really, men including Nest, why are they all like this?

I secretly made a sigh

<Watermark: Only read this at shinku.xiaoxiaonovels.com> [Ne ne, this is the smell of Lily-sama right?](Tn: author write this one using katakana)

[That's right]

Those voices, when did I hear it before?

If I remember correctly, I think it was around the time when the dance almost

at the climax.

"..... ? "

That crude way of talking, where have I heard it before?

I looked around the vicinity, Tre also heard it, then she tilted her neck and matched her eyes with mine.

.....Really, what is it?

[

Ahaha, they can't see our figures, and that's of course because we are very good at hiding

]

[

Ahaha, that's right. And, maybe it is those 2 who have the smell of Lily-sama

]

[That's true, so what will we do?]

[Which one is the real one?]

That voice gradually become louder, before we knew it, it had already gotten quite close to us

But, because they spoke in a strange way, I couldn't understand what they said.

[

Nnn, I don't know, how about we take both of them?

]

[Is it okay? Won't we get scolded?]

[

It's alright, it's alright, perfecto-sama will be happy with this

]

[That's true, let's do this]

After I heard that voice, I heard they already close to us.

I didn't say that Tre was scared, but they were getting closer.

Actually, I'm also scared, but Nest wasn't here right now, so I needed to be firm to protect Tre.

"....."

However, contrary to my thought, I didn't hear any voice at all.

"Etto, is it alright now?"

Tre whispered it while grasping my clothes tightly.

"Yeah, maybe, it's okay.....!!??"

After I said, it's okay, a black cluster appeared in front of us.

" ! ? "

And then, without being able to resist it, we get pulled into it.

"...Nnn..... ? "

I wonder how much time has passed?

When I woke up after getting dragged by something, there's was an unknown ceiling

----.

Chapter 77: I-It's wonderful

"Etto, where is this...?"

I didn't know where I am right now, so, for the time being, I'll check my surrounding first.

Then, I found out that I was put to sleep in a room somewhere.

This is just an ordinary room without anything special in it.

"...Nnn....."

"!?"

When I suddenly thought I heard a voice beside me, it turned out that it was Tre.

That reminds me, at the time when I was swallowed up by something at the party hall, Tre was near me, it can't be helped that we ended up together like this.

Even so, Why did it brought us here...?

Well, I can't say there's no reason for them to bring me here.

In the first place, I was in the situation like that. That's why there's a faint possibility for such a thing to happen. (Tn: the situation she said maybe it's about the party for aristocrat with an enemy envoy in it)

Well, maybe there was another reason.

[Knock knock]

while I thought of various things, suddenly there was a knocking sound from the door.

I instantly put myself on guard and looked at the door.

[Excuse me no ja](Tn: because she talked in an old way, I leave ja / no ja here. she talked like Shiroyasha from mondaiji-tachi)

I heard a voice coming from behind the door, a beautiful and transparent voice with an old style of talking.

And then that person entered, as expected, it was a beautiful woman.

"Well, are you awake....?"

It seems that women thought that I had woken up, I was surprised when I thought about it myself.

.....So, after knocking at the door, she came in before I could give a response.

"Etto, where is this.....?"

I didn't feel hostility from her, though there was uneasiness that she might be an enemy, I asked where I was.

"..... This place is, the castle of demon king in the demon country ja"

".....Eh?"

Just now, if I didn't hear it wrong, I heard she say "demon king castle".....

"Etto, what do you mean.....?"

I thought about it and asked when our eyes looked at each other.

"Th-That is....."

Then, she immediately begins to panic.

Moreover, she tried to look away from my eyes.

"Umm—?"

I didn't understand the meaning of that action and called out.

"I-I-I'm so sorry no jaaaaa!!"

In the next moment, a loud voice from the women resounded inside the room.

What I heard was an apology toward me for some reason.

"Etto, What do you mean?"

Just like before, I didn't understand what she said.

"A-actually, it was a mistake no ja! It seems the familiar of this mistress mistook you for the younger sister of this mistress....."(Tn: I'm not familiar with how she talk. but i perceive it like this. so i'm sorry about this)(Ed: the rather

formal way of speakin~ no need to mind it too much)

"Eh, Hah....."

that's... what to say, it was a bad luck.

I will not reflexively blame others for my bad luck.

"W-well everyone makes mistakes, so it can't be helped right....."

"I'm grateful if you say so....."

She also had a various problem, and it seems quite severe.

"Even so, why did they mistake us with her?"

There should be a reason for their mistake, they even brought us here, and I was wondering why it became like this.

"Actually, There's a smell of this mistress's younger sister is on you..... "

"the smell of the younger sister-san?"

Is it because the smell is similar, or did we really smell like her sister?

There was a lot of people in the party hall, and perhaps her sister was mixed in it.

".....Her name is Lily....."

"!?"

When the information about her sister's name coming from her mouth, I desperately hid the trembling of my face.

I don't know why I did that and why I thought it's better not to say anything about Lily.

"I-it will be good if you find her....."

Although it was difficult to pretend that I didn't know the truth, but I think I was able to deceive her well.

"Yes, it is"

She nodded so many time when hearing my words.

After that, There were no problems in particular for the time being, and time

was passing by.

By now, I wonder if Nest worried about me.....

When I thought about that, I looked outside from the window, and Perfecto came into the room.

After that, she planned various conveniences for us and with three of us became friends.

Today we are supposed to play the game we thought of.

We compete in various things, and the losing person takes off her clothes one by one as punishment.

It certainly can't be played by one girl, but Perfecto wanted to do it no matter what, that's why we did it now.

After that, we really competed in various things.

I started calculating, in order to appeal to her.

As a result, unexpectedly everyone had a good fight and ended up in underwear together.

".....Wo-wonderful no ja.....!!"(Ed: yuri detected) (Tl: with this, it was confirmed that princess is into yuri)

When Perfecto said that, I was surprised she had a nosebleed, but it was surprisingly fun.

However, I felt a little bit thirsty and I thought I should take a break for a while when I nonchalantly looked at the back—

—Nest was there with his mouth wide open.

Chapter 78: I Gently Closed The Door

When I open the door, there was Aura, Tre, and another woman in their underwear inside the room.

".....!?"

Furthermore, while I was dumbfounded from looking at that view, Aura suddenly turned her face and our eyes met.

I rushed out of the room and gently closed the door so it didn't make a sound.

"....."

I wonder what the heck they were doing just now.....

When I thought I heard their voices, I opened the door, and there were 3 people in their underwear inside the room.

One of them seemed to be shedding blood from her nose somehow.

"Huh....."

Because of that reality, the nervousness and tension came at once, and I unintentionally sighed without able to say anything.

But, I was saved because Aura didn't scream when I saw her in underwear.

Usually, Aura would scream before I was able to make an excuse, perhaps that Aura is someone that I presumed as Aura.

[Gacha](Tn: sfx door open)

"Tsu..."

When I thought about various things, the door suddenly opened, and I reflexively put my guard.

".....Tte, so it's just Aura"

Who came out of the room was Aura that I saw before.

".....Why are you here?"

Aura closed the door, but she asked me in a low voice.

"Etto, I came to pick up Aura and Tre by saying that I was an envoy from human country"

".....Ah, so it was like that. I never thought he would come here by himself"
(Tn: nope)

Aura nodded with a satisfied face.

"Even so, why did you come here by yourself?"

The place that Aura said just now probably was the corridor.

"Aah, actually....."

I briefly told her the reason why I came here.

"Hmm, so it was like that"

"Yup, I decided to come and look for all of you before I have an audience with demon king-sama"

I wanted to confirm their safety with my own eyes while waiting for demon king-sama.

"Etto, and then....."

There were another things that I need to tell to the Aura.

"Actually, it's about Lily, but....."

".....She is demon right?"

"Yes, so you already know about it"

Yes, as Aura said, another thing that I needed to say was about Lily.

Lily is a demon and looks like she is also a princess.

".....Did you say?"

Aura looked at me with a serious face.

"I'm sorry, but I don't have any intention to tell demon king-sama"

It was just my selfishness, but I want to be with Lily.

"Right now, the person who is with me and Tre is Lily's real sister, she is looking for her sister, Lily. They brought us here is because they mistook us with

Lily because we have the same smell as her."

".....Is it hard to remain silent about it?"

A little while ago, at the time when I peek inside the room, I remembered that those three looks like get along well with each other.

(Watermark: Only read this at <http://www.Shinkunovels.com>) ".....I also want to be with Lily. I know what I'm doing is bad, but....."

Even though Aura felt guilty toward her, but it looks like she still wants to be together with Lily just like me.

"Then, I know it's bad, but I leave it to you....."

I leave them and headed to my room before I being found by someone.

".....Haa"

"Is there something wrong nest—?"

as soon as I went back to the room, I collapsed onto the bed and Lily who was wearing the coat ran towards me.

"N-no, nothing....."

As soon as I got into the bed, I forgot the feeling of the guilt that I felt just now.

And then Lily began to hum near my ear.

However, no matter how much I put my head into the futton, I can't forget Aura's painful face that I saw a while ago.

Chapter 79: As Expected Of A Princess

".....Nnn....."

Looks like I had fallen asleep somehow.

When I woke up and because it was still bright outside the window, I found out that only a little of time passed since I began to sleep.

"Ah, Nest woke up!"

Lily immediately ran to me after she noticed that I woke up.

"Aah....."

Fortunately, I felt a little better after I took a nap.

"By the way, what are you doing Lily?"

Even if I said a little, it was a fact that I took a nap, perhaps it had been a long time.

"I-it's a secret you know?"

Lily tells me happily while put her index finger to my mouth and waited for my response. (Tn: yup, too cute. I think I need a tissue to wipe my nosebleed)(Ed: I'm going to jail)

"Secret?"

I never thought that she would say such a thing, but it looks like a girl will always be a girl, maybe she just doing something, I was convinced while being a little puzzled.

"Oh, by the way, I found Aura and Tre"

I forgot to say because I Immediately went to bed after I entered the room, so I told her as soon as I remembered.

"Really!? That's good!"

Lily also looks so happy about it.

It was bad for Lily, but I can't tell her about her real sister.

"

Etto, then the task is already done and there's still a lot of time, how about we go out to play?

"

"Un!"

I invited her to distract my mind a little and Lily nodded without any hesitation.

(Watermark: only read this at <https://shinkunovels.com>) "Haaa, "play" is it....."

A lot of time had passed since we started playing, it was already dark outside the window.

I still take a break several time while I was playing, but I think I was mostly playing.

"Right"

As expected, Lily is also tired, she scratched her eyes sleepily.

Although Lily is a demon, at first, she didn't look tired at all, so I used recovery magic on myself to keep playing, and as expected, at the latter half she started getting really tired.

..... By the way, we are lying on the same bed right now. (Tn: he really need to put in jail after this.)

Enveloped by my arms, Lily, who was lying comfortably beside me, entrusted her body to me (ed: insert R18 tag here)

Thanks to playing with Lily, I thought I got quite distracted.

Come to think of it, the maid who brought me dinner said that tomorrow evening I will have an audience with the king.

If that's true then it was quite early, the maid apologizes for being late, and I gave my consent, then she apologizes once again and left the room.

At that time, I put a coat on Lily, so it's okay.

Then, I look at Lily who was in my arms.

I touch her with my hand, her hair was really soft to the touch, and yet, it was beautiful.

The warmth of Lily's body in the futon also feels good.

As expected, I still want to be together with Lily.

I smelled a faint fragrance of Lily's scent, and I thought about it again. (Tn: pedophile confirmed.)

"Are you awake Nest.....?"

When I was lying on my bed, Lily asked me in an unusually low voice.

".....Yes, I'm awake"

To be honest, I was about to fall asleep, but because I heard Lily's voice, I was able to respond.

"

.....I asked about this before, but Nest is longing for a princess right.....?

"

".....Yes, I long for them.....?"

However, because I can't win against my sleepiness, I respond her while half asleep.

After all, I thought princesses were amazing.

Royal, elegant, polite, and beautiful.

It's not just me who thought like that, I'm sure all men yearn for princess too.

.....But even so, I wished that Lily will always stay beside me, that's what I think.

"

.....Well then, I'm sleepy now, so I will be going to sleep.....

"

When I said that, I finally decided to go to sleep.

Before I closed my eyes, I felt Lily look happy somehow, maybe there was something good happen to her.

Well, it doesn't matter as long as Lily feels happy.....

While thinking so, I let go of my consciousness.

".....Is it, morning.....?"

The morning light was shining from the window, and it was a bit dazzling for me who just woke up.

However, there was a certain warmth there, and I can't say how pleasant it is.

"Hei, Lily it's time to wa-ke-up....."

I finally realized after I said that.

Lily was missing—

Chapter 80: Try To Think Carefully

"Eh Lily.....? Wh-where is she.....?"

I got up from the bed in hurry and looked around the room.

I Started from under the bed, under the desk, behind the curtain, and I really searched every place inside the room.

But I still couldn't find Lily.

"Wh-what should I do....."

Maybe she just went out of the room a little.

This was her home.....

Perhaps even now, I might hear footsteps from behind the door.

[Koton koton](Tn: footsteps sfx)

When I had such expectation, I heard footsteps from the other side of the door.

I felt relieved when I thought for sure that it was Lily.

And it might be good to watch out a little when she coming back.

[Koton koton, koton.....]

The footsteps, it probably stopped in front of the door.

[Knock knock]

Then the other party lightly knocked on the door twice.

".....?"

It made me wonder a little.

If I think about it normally, was it necessary for Lily knock on the door of this room?

No matter how much I think about it, it was not necessary at all.

Then, who was it that knock the door just now?

[Gachan]

As if to reply to my question, the door opened.

Then who came from the door was—

— Maid-san.

"Good morning"

She greeted me while being expressionless as usual.

"Oh, good morning"

While I felt a little disappointed, I returned her greeting.

Even so, I wonder if there was some errand to do.

But it was quite early for breakfast, maid-san didn't bring anything after all.

"Today, Nest-sama was scheduled to have an audience with demon king-sama at evening, but before that, please see the daughter of demon king-sama first, princess Parfecto-sama"

".....Okay"

Well, It's okay, but why is it so sudden?

"Then I'll be waiting at outside of the room, please call me if you are ready"

After she said that, the maid-san left the room.

Gachari, and the sound of the closed door echoed inside the room.

".....What should I do about Lily"

When I meet demon princess-sama, I wonder if Lily will get mad when she returns and doesn't see me in here.

There are other things that I need to worry about, but I have to change clothes quickly for now.

Because maid-san is waiting outside the room, it will cause inconvenience if I take too much time.

I changed into a formal dress of the envoy that I had brought from the capital in hurry.

".....Yosh. Ano, I'm ready—"

I make sure to properly check that there's nothing wrong in front of the mirror and I called out to maid-san who was supposed to be outside of the room.

"I understand, the room is already prepared, so we can head there"

Maid-san told me so while opening the door, then walked ahead to guide me.

"....."

We just kept being silent, as I was following behind her.

And that condition lasted for a while after that maid-san stopped her leg in front of the big door.

"It's over here"

Maid-san calmly showed me the door and told me to enter the room.

"Etto, excuse me ?"

As I expected, I'm not used to doing this kind of things, so I didn't know what should I do from now on.

For now, I do as what maid-san told me, I slowly open the door and enter the room.

"Umu, you can sit on the chair over there"

"Ah, yes"

Inside the room, there was a woman who was having a nosebleed when I was looking for aura before.

she is beautiful, but the impact of her having a nosebleed is too strong, it seems I can't stand not to see at her nose.

When I sat on the chair offered by that woman, I look at the woman.

"First, you may already know it but my name is Parfecto ja"

"Ah, I, no, my name is Nest. Nice to meet you"(Tn: he said ore at first, but because it's rude to say ore here, he said jibun instead. it's a formal way to say 'I')

I was relieved that I was able to say that and stroked my chest, I almost bit myself there.

"Etto, then why did you call me here.....?"

In the first place I didn't have any plan to meet princess Parfecto-sama, originally I only came to have an audience with demon king-sama.

Then there must be something happening if I was called here.

"Umu, there's something I want to hear from you"

"Something you want to hear from me.....?"

I have never had the chance to meet with princess Parfecto-sama until now, so what did she want to know from me?

Besides, I don't have any relations nor connection with princess Parfecto-sama.

"You—"

When I thought about such a thing, Princess Parfecto-sama opened her mouth.

Then I realized one thing.

Besides.....I don't have.....any connection..... with princess Parfecto-sama—?

Don't be stupid.

If you try to think carefully

There is only one thing that connects me and princess Parfecto-sama—.

"You hid Lily right?"

Yes, without a doubt it was Lily——.

Chapter 81: My Selfish Conviction

The common thing that connected me and Parfecto hime-sama was Lily. (Tn: change princess to hime-sama)

"You hid Lily right?" (Ed: knock knock the cops are here)

As I thought Parfecto hime-sama will ask me about that, she said it like it was a matter of fact.

I could feel a cold sweat running down my cheek.

".....Where is Lily right now?"

Perhaps Lily was already at demon side, but I still want to ask.

"Obviously we took care of her"

"....."

Parfecto hime-sama returned an answer that I expected and I couldn't say anything anymore.

"Did you know that we were looking for Lily.....?"

Parfecto hime-sama glared at me, then asked me.

"....."

Of course, I knew that they were looking for Lily, even so, for the sake of being together with Lily, I frantically made so that Lily couldn't be found.

That's why, there's nothing wrong with what Parfecto hime-sama says, she was right.

She left me dumbfounded, but still, I couldn't say anything.

"Also, it looks like you made Lily wear that lame coat"

"....."

No, is that what you want me to say? that's what I thought, but I kept my mouth because of the atmosphere, I just kept silent.

"Besides—"

After that, Parfecto-sama continues saying various things for a little while.

At that time, I never opened my mouth even once.

"— Well, it was something like that"

"....."

I thought I would be released at least, but I was relieved.

"Well, I heard that Aura and Tre is yours, is that true?"

After I thought she was finished, Parfecto hime-sama suddenly asked me.

"Ah, yes. That's true....."

Then, she made a dejected face after hearing my answer.

".....Haa, why do those graceful things have to serve the likes you"(Ed: I am urged to call her yuri cop)

"So-sorry....."

I apologize to Parfecto hime-sama who sighed, I didn't know what to do for a while.

Then, I wonder how they found Lily.

"By the way, it wasn't Aura and Tre who told me about Lily"

".....Eh.....?"

I was surprised at the unexpected words from Parfecto hime-sama.

I thought for certain that Aura couldn't hold it in anymore, but then, who was the one who leaked this out.

"The one who told me about Lily was—"

—Lily herself"

"—Ha?"

It was Lily, but why Lily exposed herself?

"Lily herself exposed her identity to the maid who working here"

"W-why would she do that....."

I just, thought it was for Lily..... (Ed: that's what all perverts say) (Tn: looks like you have some grudge against Nest)

"I don't know about that, but were you listening to what Lily feels?"

That's what she said as if to mock me.

"Lily's feeling.....?" (ed: Stockholm syndrome boyz..)

What the heck was she saying?

Of course, I heard what Lily feels from a long time ago———no.....?

"I-I-I am....."

Did I ever ask what Lily feels from her.....?

As for me, I just wanted to spend time with Lily.

Of course, Lily should be feeling the same as me, that's what I thought.

But, when, who said such a thing.....?

All of it, all of it just my wrong impression wasn't it.....?

No, it was Lily who wanted to go back to the demon side, that was, so it was like that.....

"....."

I, I finally realize and I became dumbfounded.

"Haaa, looks like it hit the mark" (Ed: yuri cop wins)

"....."

Parfecto hime-sama, from my silence, seemed to know what she said was right, and she began to mock me again.

However, I can't make an excuse because it was really like that, I can only look at my feet.

"Haa, you are not worthy of meeting my father" (Ed:FINISH HIM!)

Tired of seeing me being quiet, Parfecto hime-sama sighed with a disgusted voice.

"If you somehow came just as a normal envoy, then it wouldn't be necessary

to return Aura and Tre"

I wonder if Parfecto hime-sama was disappointed from what she said, then the door was opened exactly when I thought like that, Maid-san entered and brought my luggage.

"This is all your luggage. Leave this castle at once. I will stop the audience with father. And Aura and Tre are already outside the castle waiting for you" (Ed: K.O)

She was talking so fast and left the room with maid-san.

The room was completely silent.

".....Damn....."

I hit the floor while feeling miserable.

Even though I didn't feel the pain, I thought that I feel pain at the place where I hit and I feel hot around my eyes—.

Chapter 82: That Was Irrelevant In Front Of Love

"....."

Right now, I was walking by myself in the long corridor.

I walked while carrying my heavy luggage with one hand, since the last time I passed here, I've felt that the corridor was longer, and darker

".....Haaa....."

I wonder how many time I've sighed today.

It's not like I kept count, but even so, it shouldn't be enough to count with both hand.

But it all comes down to simply, if I shouldn't sigh now, when should I sigh then?

"It's all my fault....."

No matter how I look at it, I had decided Lily's feeling without permission, and in the end, the situation became like this. (Ed: damn right you dense lolicon)

Perhaps, if I was taking care of Lily a little bit more, maybe the situation will be more good than this.

".....Haaa...."

As I thought, I can't hold back sighing after all.

[..... Is this good?.....]

When I was still walking in the corridor, I suddenly heard such a voice.

It was Lily's voice, There is no way I could mistake it.

"....."

I slowly walked toward that voice.

[.....Hey, is this cute?.....]

[Yes, it is so cute Lily-sama]

Apparently from the voice that I heard, looks like she try to wear some clothes.

"....."

I finally came to the front of the room.

[Fu fu fu!]

The voice that was coming from the room became clearer, and not that it's possible too but I can almost hear everything.

"....."

I just want to meet Lily once more and apologize to Lily, then I put my hand on the door.

"....."

.....But, even if I go there, what can I do.

It was Lily's intention to return to demon side.

But even so, things like I want to meet or apologize to her, wasn't that just for my self satisfaction.

Even this time, it's because of my selfish behavior, I was bothering everyone, do you want to repeat it again.....?

".....It's enough, I should learn from this....."

I was mocking myself and whisper in a low voice, then I began to exit the castle while feeling reluctant.

".....Confusing"

I was lost because I could hear Lily's voice.

"Nest-sama"

While I was worried about it, suddenly a voice was behind me.

When I look back, maid-san was standing there.

"Nest-sama, this way please"

".....Ah, I'm sorry"

Apparently maid-san try to take me who looks seemed to be lost to the exit.

"....."

As expected, the silence was dominating me and maid-san.

To begin with, from maid-san's point of view, I was the one who hid her master's daughter, that's why she didn't want to talk to me.

She guided me like this, perhaps because she wants me to leave the castle as soon as possible.

".....Nest-sama, what are you going to do with Lily-sama?"

While I was thinking like that, maid-san suddenly asked me.

"E-etto, what do you mean.....?"

I was thinking for certain that she didn't want to talk to me, but it was surprising that she suddenly asked me, I then reflexively ask because I didn't know what she meant.

"So specifically what was Nest-sama going to do to keep Lily-sama hidden? it's something like that"

"....."

So what am I going to do to hide Lily?

I was unable to answer the question from maid-san.

Then I finally realize at the time I hid Lily, I didn't understand exactly what I wanted to do with Lily.

I want to live with Lily, that's my answer, but that was too vague. (Ed: Dense ass lolicon)

"Is it marriage?"

".....Ha-haaaa!?" (Ed: (ノ °□°)ノ ㇏ ㇏)

While I was silently thinking about the answer, maid-san suddenly said an outrageous thing.

"Ma-marriage, Lily is still a child you know!?"

I spontaneously forgot to control the volume of my voice, and end up

shouting.

"That kind of things is irrelevant in front of love"(Tn: HAHAAHAHA my stomach hurts)

But maid-san easily cuts my words.

".....Ugh....."

I don't know if it was just a joke or not, but I knew that it was impossible for me.

"If it's not marriage, then what was your objective to hide her?"

However, maid-san didn't stop asking me that question and asked me again.

"....."

I desperately thought about it.

Why did I hide her?

Why do I want to be together with Lily?

And why did I forgot to ask what Lily's feels and that made me take a selfish action like that?

".....I don't know"

After a while, I finally answered the maid-san's question.

".....I see"

In response to my voice, maid-san said that with a somewhat discouraged voice.

".....Yes, I'm sorry, but I don't exactly know why I wanted to hide Lily like that"

"I already heard that, well—"

"Still, even if I say something vague like that, the reason why I hid Lilywas——"

I said the same thing again and again, then interrupting the words of maid-san who looks like a bit troubled, and saying my true response.

"——Because I didn't want to let Lily go"

Surely, that was the real reason why I hid Lily.

Chapter 83: I'm Sure I Will Cry

—Because I didn't want to let Lily go.

I'm sure that was the reason why, I was hiding Lily.

"....."

Maid-san became silent after hearing my words.

With such expression, I didn't know what maid-san thought about this.

"

.....Well, this conversation has already become unreasonable, even so.....

"

Right, even I say such a things, Lily already left me.

Then, while I was thinking, I was already in the middle of leaving the demon king's castle.

"....."

The silence dominated us once again, it's all because of my weird and selfish feeling.

"Ah, that's, the entrance, right?"

When the situation became unpleasant, I took a glance and fortunately found the entrance.

"..... Yes, the entrance is over there"

As expected, although I didn't feel displeasure, I didn't feel good either.

Even I took a quick glance and inquiring maid-san, I still did not quite understand after all.

"Etto, thank you very much for guiding me"

I finally came to the front of the gate and say thank you to maid-san.

"

No, it's my job after all, so don't worry about it

"

Maid-san calmly told that to me.

Or rather, she guided me because it's her job after all.

When she guided me, a few weird topics came out, but it would be nice to remember that there were a few good people in the demon king's castle.

"Aura-sama seems to be waiting outside"

Maid-san told me so when I place my hand on the door.

"..... Well then, goodbye"

While saying farewell to maid-san, I thought that perhaps I will never meet her again, I wonder what kind of face I will show Aura and Tre, then I open the door and left the castle while feeling a little sad.

"....."

one step, I came out from the demon king's castle, I feel cold unlike when I was coming here before.

"Etto....."

As maid-san says, Aura and Tre were already waiting for me outside the gate.

Those two also felt a little cold like me, then lightly moved their body near me.

"....."

Even though I believe I need to say something, I didn't know what I need to say in this situation, and in the end, I can't say anything.

".....What happened to Lily.....?"

Usually, It's impossible for Aura to be like this, to ask me with such a fragile voice.

"....."

For that question, I could only turn my eyes to the place where I came out before, the demon king's castle.

"....."

With that alone, Aura and Tre were able to guess, and didn't try to ask about it anymore.

".....Well then, let's go....."

Just for a little while, we kept standing around the gate of demon king's castle.

I didn't know how much time passed, but I said the necessary words, then guided Aura and Tre.

I had already decided on my goal, but I didn't say it to Aura and Tre. (Ed: a harem?) (Tn: loli harem)

What I can do right now, was not to talk about it.

And yet, Aura and Tre didn't say anything, and followed me.

"....."

After walking away from the demon king's castle, gradually a lot of people could be seen.

Just like the capital, there was a lot of shops, there was also a lot of people buying and selling a lot of things.

Usually, it would be fun, but now, even with such a crowd it only hurt my ears.

If someone were to touch my shoulder, looks like I will unintentionally glare at him.

if a familiar monster was at my feet, it seems that I would kick it. (Ed: QUIT ACTING LIKE A LOSER!!)

"....."

"....."

I strongly grasped the hand of Aura and Tre who were walking behind me.

When I grasped them, they were shaking their body, then I decided to never let them go.

In this crowd, I had decided, I will never let them go

—.

"Master, it hurts desu....."

"Oh, sorry....."

Before I knew it, I grasped them so hard, and I immediately released their hands.

"Heal"

Then, I immediately put recovery magic on Tre's hand.

"Sorry, I don't want to turn around....."

As Lily gone away, I maybe upset after all. (

Even now, I have done a bad thing to Tre once again.

I thought I suddenly grasped their hand because I feel bad, I'm sure I will end up crying.

".....Ah, we have arrived"

When we were like that, our destination was already in front of our eyes.

".....is it, here?"

Tre was confused and asked me.

".....Yes, to get us back to the capital, there's someone waiting here"

Yes, right now we are in front of the inn, aunty who was our coachman should be waiting inside.

Chapter 84: What I Need To Do

We are in front of the inn where Aunty should be waiting.

"Etto, let's go inside"

We will be a nuisance if we continue standing in front of the inn, I took them, and immediately entered the inn.

"Welcome!"

When we entered the inn, I heard a high-spirited voice.

I also heard a lot of chattering voices.

"Would you like to eat or stay?"

The inn's aunty who was looking at the people eating in the back, came and asked me.

"Etto, ah, there she is"

I found coachman aunty inside the dining room, and requested a meal from the inn's aunty, grabbed the hands of Aura and Trè, and went towards the coachman aunty.

"Are you okay drinking at this of the day.....?"

When we came to the coachman aunty's place, we distorted our face because of the terrible smell.

When I saw the desk where aunty sat, there were a lot of liquor bottles lying around, and aunty looks quite drunk.

"Wh-at.....hiks.....?"

I don't know if she heard my voice or not, for now, we sat on the same table.

"Etto, when will we go back to the capital?"

I said with a loud voice near her ear, so she could hear it.

"Aah? what are you saying!! I'm still not drunk enough right!?"

"Eeehh.....?"

Aunty shouted and once again took the bottle of sake and began drinking it.

I thought for sure that aunty could immediately return us to the capital, so I was worried about what to do.

"Anyway, looks like you returned with a new child, what happens with that cute child?"

When I scratched my head, aunty suddenly asked me that.

That question made the faces of Aura and Trè gloomy, I also didn't give an answer.

".....What's wrong.....?"

Aunty sensed the delicate aura, then changed her face from that of a drunkard to a serious face.

"W-well, actually Lily is a princess of the demons, so she went home to the demon king's castle....."

Because I was so depressed, I forgot to hide it and told aunty.

"....."

My words wrapped the situation in an indescribable mood.

With serious face, Aunty was looking down and concealed her eyebrows.

".....You didn't stop it.....?"

Aunty asked me in a low voice.

I felt that there was a little anger mixed in that voice. (ED: a chick has more balls than you!!)

"Actually, I already knew that Lily was a demon when we were in the capital"

When the king told me about that matter, I didn't believe it.

Then when I heard it from Lily herself, I was surprised.

And when I knew about it, I decide to hide Lily from the demon.

But in the end, Lily went back to demon king's castle by herself.

"And then, I was returned before I got an audience with demon king because I

was hiding Lily. I'm glad Aura and Trè are safe, but....."

"....."

In the end, I said almost everything that happened to aunty.

"That's why, Lily is not here..."

I also ended up looking at my feet at the end.

Or else, I will show my pathetic face to them. (Ed: your existence is pathetic)

Before I knew it, I was clasp my fist tightly.

Then, I could feel the blood flowing from my fist.

".....Then?"

At that time, Aunty asked me such a thing.

I turned my gaze to aunty once again.

"What do you mean by "then"?"

I don't know what aunty wanted to say.

"Like I said, I asked you what are you going to do"

".....?"

We can't do anything except to return to the capital right?

for you to ask this, you still drunk aren't you.....?

".....You're not going to say we'll go back just like this right.....?"

".....Eh"

Is there anything else we need to do?

.....Shopping?

.....Sake?

"Etto, what else do we need to do.....?"

I didn't understand after all, so I decided to directly ask aunty.

"Right. what you need to do right now is——"

then she grinned and smiled, then gave a pompous answer.

"Please, tell me quickly"

I got tired of waiting for aunty to say it, and urge her to tell me quickly.

Then, aunty finally opened her mouth.

"——is to drink sake"

Chapter 85: Please Give Me More Sake

"Sa-sake is it.....?"

I was quite surprised by what aunty said.

No, I was certainly not thinking of drinking sake, it was just a joke and I was seriously not thinking about that.

"Sake..... Tsu!"

As soon as she said that, she vigorously swung her hand down to the desk.

"Tsu!?"

All people in the dining room, including us, turn their head this way and wondering what's going on, then after we are getting used to this, we are resuming our chat at once.

"Listen, the sake here is good you know. I don't want to going back home without drinking this!"

Aunty's cheeks somewhat dyed to red.

Apparently, she already drunk because of the sake.

"Hora, you guys drink as well!"

"No no, Tre is still a child you know!"

I managed to stop aunty who urged Aura and Tre to drink somehow, then I told them to go back to the room first and let them away from this place.

Somehow aunty had a somewhat regrettable face when she saw them leave.

"Then, you will drink don't you?"

However, it was only for a brief.

Now aunty was targeting me, and give me the sake.

I thought to refuse, I didn't have any interest to be drunk for my first time drinking sake, but I thought it might be good to distract me from depressing mood, so I decided to drink the sake.

".....Tsu....."

even though when I tried to think about it, It can't be helped that I lose my nerve when I saw a big bottle placed in front of my eyes.

Aunty said, even a child can drink this much, that's what she said, but I don't know if it's true or not.

It's quite difficult just from smelling it, and the amount was quite a lot too.

However, I already resolute my mind, and drink the sake immediately.

".....Ugh....."

Because I drank it at once, I didn't know how much I drink, but even so, the moment when it entered my mouth, I received a tremendous shock from it.

S-so this is, sake.....

When drank it for the first time, it tangled around my neck, and yet, it gradually spreading inside my body, that's what I feel.

".....Upu"

As I thought, I drank too much, it's quite hard.

Even so, I didn't want to stop drinking.

After I keep drinking, I thought I ended up forgetting something, something that stuck in my heart, a bad feeling,

I wonder how long had I been drinking.

I look at the top of the desk, and count the number of sake bottles that I drank.

".....Eh.....?"

How many is this?

Four.....?

No, five.....?

For some reason, I can't count the sake bottles.

What the heck is wrong with me?

Something interesting happens, the sake bottles move by itself.....

"You drank pretty well too!"

".....Uugh, yes"

when I thought about it, aunty called me.

"It's good right, this sake"

"Well, it's pretty delicious"

After that, I reached for another bottle, but the bottle was taken by aunty instead.

".....What are you doing?"

I look at aunty and murmured at her.

It's a terrible thing to do to take away the sake that other person tried to drink.

"Well, it will be good if we can talk for a bit"

".....It can't be helped then"

I don't know why, but I felt that my tongue is not turned well since a while ago, but it's okay now.

"So, what do you want to talk about?"

"Hora, don't be in such a hurry"

Aunty said to admonished me.

".....Then please give me more sake"

I want to quickly drink more sake.

I don't have time to get on with something like this.

"Oh well, it can't be helped then....."

Aunty lightly sighed, take a seat in front of me, and turned her face to me.

"..... You, about that kid, Lily, What are you going to do? "

".....Even you asked me what to do....."

I really can't do anything.....

Even Lily come to me, it will be a bother.....

".....Then, let's changed the question"

".....?"

Changed, the question?

What are you saying, aunty?

Or rather, I saw 3 aunties since a while ago, I wonder if she doing something.

well, now, let's listen to what she needs to say.

"You—"

"Me?"

I wait for what will be aunty said next.

I wonder what will she asked me for.

"——What do you want to do about Lily.....?"

Aunty looked at my face and asked me seriously.

Chapter 86: No, I Don't Want To Let Her Go

[You—What do you want to do about Lily?]

Aunty asked me with a serious face.

".....I-I don't want to let her go"

My voice didn't come out well because of the sake.

But that answer, I didn't put any thought on it, and it came out of my mouth without permission.

That answer was just like what I said to maid-san in demon king castle, but it didn't hold a concrete value, just a vague answer.

".....Is it just that?"

However, aunty wasn't convinced.

Looking at the situation, at that moment, I tried to find something, but I couldn't say what came to my mind to maid-san.

".....I want, to cook"

By chance, I heard a voice come to my ears.

There's no way I would mistake that voice, no matter how much I hear it, it was my own voice.

Of course, I wasn't going to say such a thing.

Even now, I kept thinking.

".....I want, to go shopping"

And yet, that voice didn't stop.

"I want to hold hands"

"I want to pet her head"

"I want to play together with everyone"

"I want to sleep together" (Ed: dial for the police at this point boys)

"I want to hug her"

As if the voice had its own free will, it continued to overflow endlessly.

"And—"

And finally, my words paused.

But I can feel my mouth opening again.

"——I don't want to let her go"

The last words that spilled from my mouth were, the same words I said before.

After I said it, I sank into silence as if my words were nothing but a lie.

"....."

I timidly looked at aunty, I could see her grinning, but once again she looked at me with serious eyes.

"

If there are so many things you want to do, then why did you leave her in the demon king's castle?

"

And she said with a tone as if blaming me.

"

Is that really what you want to say to a kid that didn't mean anything to you?

"

"DON'T MESS WITH ME!!!!"

As soon as aunty finished what she said, before I noticed it, I was yelling at her.

But I didn't bother to stop it.

I said what I shouldn't say.

"

Lily is, important, an important part of family for me!!

"

The eyes gathered around us, but I didn't care about it.

I'm getting irritated right now.

"Then why did you give up so easily?"

But aunty shot my anger down and said it.

—Aunty didn't understand after all.

"—

Because, I don't have any choice other than giving up! I also wanted to take Lily back you know!? But, I can't!! Lily, it was Lily herself who decided to go home to the demon king's castle, it can't be helped you know!?

"

That's right.

I also wanted to try harder!

But, if Lily herself wanted to do so, what am I supposed to do.....!!

"So what!!"

When I was once again tortured by regret, aunty yelled at me.

"If you are a man ——— then force your way to get that woman!!"

(Tn: well, he is a pussy after all)(Ed: JUST DO IT!)

"Fo-force.....?"

What aunty said was scrapping my spirits.

"

Aaah!! If you are a man, then show me by eloping until you are worn out!!

"(Tn: not sure about this "あぁっ！！男なら、駆け落ちまがいのことでもやってみせてからグダグダ言えっ！！")

"....."

But if I do such a thing, then Ethique who sent me here will be troubled.

But, it looks like what aunty said didn't stop until there, she opened her mouth again.

"

Beside, you still haven't met with demon king-sama right!? If that's the case then tell him

[

Father-in-law-san, please give your daughter to me!!

]"

"H-how!?"

True, perhaps there's still a chance.

I don't know what kind of person demon king-sama is, but if it's to not let Lily go, then I will try to do it.

I asked what should I do to aunty without thinking.

"—You seriously want to do it right?"

Aunty asked me as if wanting to test me.

"I'll do it"

I immediately gave positive answer to that question

"

So, now the problem is how to meet with demon king-sama?

"

"Yes"

We once again sat down properly, tidied up the sake bottle and cut to the chase.

"

If you want me to help you, then I will help you, but it's better to go alone to show your sincerity after all.

"

"Alone, is it....."

Honestly, I'm anxious about it.

"Well, I also think it's unreasonable"

Aunty sighed a little and thought something.

Meanwhile, I was looking at the empty sake bottle lined up neatly on the table.

[――How about this?]

Suddenly, Ethique's words came to my mind.

".....Uugh.....hnn"

I turned my face towards the aunty in front of me who was thinking hard about how to get to the demon king's castle.

".....As I thought, I need to go alone, by myself."

"Ha!?"

Aunty looked at me with a surprised face, and laughed lightly as if she relieved, looks like she never expected me to say such a thing,

I didn't know what the heck I looked like, but it was rude to laugh at other peoples faces.

Well, perhaps it couldn't be helped.

Maybe my face showed that I was thinking about doing something outrageous.

Usually, I felt like I was not doing it, but well, maybe it just my imagination.

".....You have a secret plan right?"

Aunty asked me such a thing.

Of course――

"――It was obvious, wasn't it"

It was, for that guy.

Yup, it was for [Jet Black Savior]sama――――.

Chapter 87: I Will Go See Him Now

".....Sigh"

Right now, I was walking slowly in the dark by myself.

Looks like it has become evening after drinking with aunty.

After I finished talking with aunty, I prepared the black cloak which I received from Ethique from my baggage.

Leaving only a few words to aunty, I was now heading towards the demon king's castle.

"....."

There were no signs of people, just me inside the darkness.

I quietly looked down at the black cloak I was wearing.

".....No, no way"

I wanted to believe this black cloak looked cool because of the sake.

Incidentally, I used recovery magic to heal myself from the hangover, but it was unusual for it to not be effective.

Otherwise, there's was no way this black cloak would look so cool.

".....Well, it certainly easier to move in the dark"

I think it's okay to admit that part.

The black cloak I used before had poor quality, it stood out in the dark because it had a bit of color .

But the thing that I got from Ethique was a high-class item.

Everything was completely dyed with a single color, the only thing with a different color was the name embroidered on it.

That way, I should be able to act without standing out in the dark and not feel ashamed about it.

I smiled and started to walk slowly once again.

"Etto, this is the place right.....?"

While I was trying not to get lost, I was thinking about one thing.

That was, the way to get Lily out of the castle.

Of course, It'll be easy to get inside the castle.

It wasn't a lie, it's all thanks to my recovery magic.

So, there is no problem getting in, but the problem was what to do after that.

I didn't really think about it before because I was drunk, I also refused help from aunty, but honestly, I didn't know what to do.

".....Hmmm"

I ended up groaning because I didn't have a good plan.

But, doing such a thing doesn't mean a good plan will come out.

It may cause inconveniences for others, but maybe it is necessary to do it by force like aunty said, of course that was a last resort.

Also, if they find out that I was the one who took Lily out, the damage will be not limited to Ethique, I'm sure the relationship between demons and humans will be affected.

It's true aunty said such a thing, but it must be because she was drunk like me.

"Should I go back and ask for help to aunty.....?"(ed:well she does have more ball than you so...)

But, I was the one who said that I didn't need help, it will be embarrassing to ask for it.

[Demon king-sama will be back in two days]

While I thought about this and that, I remember what maid-san told me.

If I remember correctly, it was said two days ago.

Then, perhaps demon king-sama has already returned.

And, maybe what aunty said will happen.

If demon king sama was an open-minded person, he will allow me to take Lily, and it will end up without any trouble.

I took that as a possibility and began to walk towards the demon king's castle again.

I was able to see the demon castle as I gradually approach.

At the time I was leaving, the mood was swallowed by disappointment, but now it became somewhat better because there was a little hope in it.

".....Haah"

I lightly breath out in front of the demon king's castle that grew closer.

It was to calm myself from the tension.

".....Well, it's harsh"

I suddenly felt nervous doing such a thing.

On the other hand, there was no one around here, only a chilly night wind shaking the branches of a dead tree.

"Ah, this is not necessary. right.....?"

I take out my favorite knife from the black cloak.

Right now, the one who I need to meet was Lily's father, demon king-sama.

To show a little sincerity, it's not good to bring a weapon.

Not only that, it will be bad if I hurt someone who was guarding the demon king's castle.

In other words, what I need to do was to reach Lily's father's place, without any weapons, and to not hurt the guards. These three.

"....."

If I was an ordinary person, then what I'm doing from now on will be considered reckless.

But I have something special that other people don't.

No matter how deep the wound, I will be able to heal it with recovery magic

—.

So, all I have to do was to keep running until I reached where Lily's father was.

"....."

When I thought about such a thing, I was in front of the gate.

By the way, There was no gatekeeper somehow, so I went to the front door without any difficulty.

".....It's okay. Because I'm not [Nest]right now"

(Tn: is it just me or he is really an idiot. everybody should be able to guess who take Lily from the castle even if he wears that cloak) (Ed: He is tho..)

I muttered in a low voice.

Before I continued, I shut my mouth.

I feel as though the other me won't come out this way.

That's why, I muttered in my mind.

From now on I was——

——The[Jet Black Savior]

Chapter 88: It Seems It Was Just My Misunderstanding

"....."

I was finally able to infiltrate the demon king's castle, and I opened the door while trying not make as much noise as possible.

".....Is there anyone here?" (Ed:facepalm)

When I looked inside, there was no one there.

But, that is convenient for me.

I decided to search for demon king-sama.

".....Ha, ha.....Heal tsu.....!"

There was a time when I thought it would be easy to look for demon king-sama.

But right now, I am being chased by guards.

Some ran with their feet, and others were chasing me by flying with their wings.

I was desperately running, but I was still looking for where demon king-sama is.

"Thief over there, STOP!!"

I heard an angry voice from behind, furthermore, they threw a weapon to me.

It goes without saying, the jet black cloak already has several holes and a dark red spot on it.

I will recover when I got injured.

I kept running like a bad guy, and the demons who chased me still couldn't catch up.

".....Haa, did I shake them off.....?"

I used recovery magic to fix my breathing, I looked back and there was no one

there.

I can run earnestly because of my recovery magic, also there's only a long corridor as far as I can see.

But they found me.

I'm sure they already shared the information throughout the demon king's castle.

In that case, I need to find demon king-sama as soon as possible.

"...But, I can't find him"

I kept running while using recovery magic, I kept looking for a room that looks like demon king-sama's room, but all the door looked the same, I can't find the room.

".....Hnn?"

In the middle of an unchanging hallway, I found a door with a little decoration on it.

There's no way this was demon king king-sama's room, but just to make sure, I approached the door.

[Gacan]"door sfx"

"Tsu!?"

However, When I tried to touch the door, someone opened the door from the inside.

I stepped back right away and look at the other person coming out of the room.

"Ah....."

What came out of the room was the maid who guided me to the entrance of demon king castle.

".....Are you—Nest-sama?"

As soon as the maid noticed me, she narrowed her eyes for a moment, but immediately returned to being expressionless like usual and guessed the

[Jet Black Savior]was me.

"....."

I don't know what to say and froze on the spot, I became dumbfounded when she noticed my true identity.

"

.....No, it seems it just my misunderstanding. Excuse me

"

Suddenly maid-san said such a thing and bowed slightly.

I didn't know why maid-san doing such a thing, it was so confusing.

"

The demon king-sama's room is over there. The location is a little bit complicated, but you'll know as soon as you get there

"

".....Eh?"

[Gacan]

Maid-san returned to her room and carefully closed the door before I could say anything,

"....."

I wonder what's with that just now.

Maybe she knew it was me.

And yet, despite not doing anything, she showed me the location of demon king-sama's room.

".....Thank you very much"

I leave a thank you with a small voice and searched for demon king-sama's room again, I didn't know whether she can hear it or not, but if possible I wish she could.

Even so, maid-san already taught me the way, so it will be easy.

I went to the direction where maid-san taught me, it certainly complicated, but apparently there was one door different than the other.

".....Etto, Heal"

It's not like I was tired, but just in case, I used recovery magic.

"Yosh, then let's go....."

After I decided so, I touched the handle of the big door.

I felt the cold from the door just by touching it.

I'm glad I calmed down my excited feeling just now even for a little bit.

".....Well, I need to give my best....."

I put a strength in my arms and slowly opened that heavy door.

All of this is to bring Lily back—.

Chapter 89: You Deserve A Praise

I finally open the door of the room where demon king-sama is supposed to be.

"——Eh"

I open the heavy door, but there was only one chair inside the room.

It's quite surprising, I thought it would be a messy place.

However, something else surprised me.

Right now, demon king-sama sat on the only chair in the room, I somehow know demon king-sama.

he was the uncle who helped me when I was attacked by the dragon before.

"—Welcome. You little being"

The whisper of demon king-sama echoed inside the room.

Apparently, demon king sama didn't know nor cared who I was.

".....Ah, yes"

I replied spontaneously.

The open door bothered me, so I closed it.

It's to not get noticed by the guards from earlier.

Of course, even if I do this, it will only buy a little more time.

"Don't worry. There is a barrier around this room and only those who have a lot of magic power can enter. They are excellent subordinates, but they still can't enter the barrier"

he read my worries from my action and immediately told me.

However, demon king-sama didn't use a gentle tone like before, he released a dignified aura like demon king-sama should.

"—you deserve praise, being able to slip through my subordinates and coming this far. However, it will become trouble for the guards. If you understand then

it would be best if you leave. I will overlook it this time"

".....Tsu"

Demon king-sama said and made a black thing floating from his hand.

He then spread his huge jet-black wings from his back to threaten me.

"....."

I was at a loss on taking off this cloak or not.

If I take off this cloak then I'm sure demon king-sama will recognize me and may hear my story.

But more than that, I didn't want to reveal my identity as [Jet Black Savior].

"—What's wrong with you little being? Do you want to fight me so much?"
(ed: wreck him!!!)

Even though I was thinking of such a thing, the story still went on.

".....Uugh"

With this, it can't be helped except to reveal the identity of [Jet Black Savior].

"Father. Are you okay!?"

"Ugh Ha!!??"

When I tried to remove the jet black cloak to reveal [Jet Black Savior]identity, the door right behind me opened with a full force.

And of course, because I was in front of the door, I get hit by the door and was blown away to the front of demon king-sama.

"....."

Demon king-sama didn't think it will be turned out this way either, he became silent and dumbfounded.

"He-heal....."

I cast recovery magic and looked towards the opened door.

"Is that the enemy!?"

Parfecto hime over there.

As demon king-sama's daughter, it's obvious for Parfecto hime to not be affected by a barrier.

Well, I never expected that she would come so early.

"Parfecto, calm down"

Demon king-sama tried to calm Parfecto hime who lost her composure.

The floating thing on his palm has disappeared and the wings were gone.

"....."

I put strength to my legs and stood up while demon king-sama tried to calm Parfecto hime.

"—Ah"

However, as soon as I stood up, the cloak was fell off because of the damage so far.

Currently, demon king-sama is in front of me and Parfecto hime is behind me.

It was obvious what would happen if my black cloak falls off in this situation.

"Hnn, why are you....."

"Y-you are.....!!"

As I thought, demon king-sama remembers me, he looked at me with surprise.

And Parfecto hime frowns as if she saw something disgusting.

"Hnn, do you know Parfecto?"

"Fa-father, do you know him.....?"

However, they were both surprised that we knew each other.

demon king-sama looked at me as if asking "did something happen".

"....."

I noticed Parfecto hime was looking at me severely, I narrowed my eyes slightly.

".....Let's hear what has happened"

Demon king-sama guessed that something happened and asked both of us.

Parfecto hime began to tremble and look down.

".....Yes"

Demon king-sama aura began to dominating again, and I could only nod.

"Actually——"

And then I started talking about my reason for coming here.

Chapter 90: It's a Little Strange Desu

"In other words, you were hiding Lily, weren't you?"

".....Yes, after Parfecto found out about it, I was driven out of the castle" (Tn: looks like Nest is very angry with Parfecto, he didn't use 'sama' anymore)

"That's right no ja"

We nodded as confirmation of demon king-sama's question.

First I talked about why I came as an envoy, then I talked about why I was driven out from the castle.

".....Fumu, first of all, Nest, is at fault for hiding Lily. It would have been better if you told us first"

"....."

I had no choice but to remain silent.

It's irritating to see Parfecto-hime standing nearby with a triumphant look.

"Parfecto is—— also at fault"

"Eh....."

I thought that he would praise her for finding Lily, but surprisingly he said she was also at fault.

"You selfishly drove out Nest who was the official envoy without permission. You didn't think that it'd be over by returning the people you mistakenly kidnapped to demon country did you?"

".....Ugh"

Hearing what demon king-sama said, Parfecto hime drooped her shoulder.

Looks like I didn't think about it carefully. (Ed: you wussed out! screw thinking!))

"It's a good thing that Nest came back again, if he told the king of the human country about this, the impression of us demons would further worsen."

"I-I am sorry nanoja"

What demon king-sama said might be reasonable, but as for me, I didn't have any intention to do it...

".....Hn, come to think of it, why did you come back Nest?"

Finally realizing it, demon king-sama stared at me and asked.

Finally, I thought, I can finally say what I've wanted to say.

"T-to bring Lily back desu"

".....Didn't Lily come back by her own will?"

Hearing my words, demon king-sama tilted his neck and asked Perfecto-hime.

"Tha-that's right no ja!"

Perfecto-hime gave an immediate confirmation.

".....That's what she said, so what are you going to do Nest?"

I didn't think he'd ask that question.

"....."

Honestly, I wanted to say that I would take her by force, but it would be pointless to say such a thing.

"Well, how about I call Lily first?"

That's what demon king-sama said.

He will apparently call Lily here.

"This way, you can ask her various things, right? I also want to hear Lily's true feelings"

"Th-thank you very much!"

I reflexively bowed to demon king-sama.

But maybe it's for him to hear what Lily feels from the person herself and make his decision from it.

Even so, this is a good opportunity for me.

"....."

But it's weird for Parfecto hime to stay quiet.

"What's the matter Parfecto? I want you to call Lily here"

looks like demon king-sama also thought so, then called Parfecto hime.

"Li-Lily is it.....?"

What's going on? It looks like she didn't want to call Lily.

"Li-Lily has a cold right now nanoja!"

".....Eh?"

Lily got a cold.....?

"Ah, I can cure her"

If it just that then it would be fine. I can use recovery magic after all.

"Hou, you can use recovery magic?"

"Yes, I can use it somehow"

It seems that demon king-sama didn't know that I can use recovery magic.

"Come to think of it, Lily was sick when she was taken to the human country, did you perhaps heal her Nest?" (Ed: pretty sure she was dying)

"Ah, perhaps... Yes, I did"

If I remember correctly, when I found Lily for the first time, she was Lying on a bed.

Maybe he was talking about that.

"Y-you liar! there's no way human recovery magic can cure a demon!"

She who was quite till now said I was lying aloud.

"Eh, is that so?"

I didn't know that at all, but.....

"Aaah, yeah that's right"

Demon king-sama nodded to confirm what Parfecto-hime said.

But even if she say's so, I surely cured Lily.

So I came up with an Idea.

"Actually my recovery magic is a little strange Desu"

Perhaps that's the cause.

Parfecto hime said, human healing magic isn't effective on demons.

But I guess I was able to treat Lily because my recovery magic is strange.

"Strange? How so?"

Demon king-sama looked at me with anticipation.

I think it'd better for demon king-sama to see it for himself.

So I asked demon king-sama to do something.

"Demon king-sama, please cut my arm——"

Chapter 91: It's Recovery Magic, is there something wrong?

"Please cut my arm"

When I said that, I remembered that I said the same things in the guild before.

".....Fumu, if you say so, I'll do it. But rather than cut it, wouldn't it better to erase it?"

"Eh!?"

demon king-sama stayed quiet, waiting for my confirmation.

I raised my voice until I surprised Parfecto hime beside me, but I didn't care.
(Ed: picture him screaming for like a minute straight)

I nodded and waited for demon king-sama to erase my arm.

".....Tsu.....!"

Then, after demon king-sama who was eager to do it, covered my arm with a black object.

"Tsu!?"

Blood started dripping from my arm and a pool of blood formed on the floor.
Parfecto hime's face turned blue after seeing it.

"Wha-what are you doing no ja!?"

She was frightened and drew closer.

".....Etto, heal?"

I thought I was doing something bad, but I still used recovery magic like usual.

".....Hou"

"What!?"

On the other hand, both of them showed different expressions.

First, demon king-sama seemed impressed by the new arm growing due to my recovery magic.

As for Parfecto hime, her eyes were wide open after looking at my regenerated arm.

".....Etto, it's more or less like this"

I can't leave them like this, so I called them out.

"Wha-what just happened?"

Though, unlike demon king-sama who was impressed by my recovery magic, Parfecto hime was still flabbergasted.

".....Eh, it's just recovery magic, is there something wrong?"(Tn: lol kaifuku mahou desu kedo, nanika? it's a pun of "kumo desu kedo, nanika?" or "Vilager desu kedo, nanika?") (Ed: It's legit healing no worries)

"Wha....."

Parfecto hime was shocked by my answer.

"That's amazing"

And finally, demon king-sama said something to me.

"Indeed, with this recovery magic, even demons can be healed"

He praised me while nodding.

"....."

However, even with this, Parfecto hime somehow had a face that looked like she wasn't convinced.

But she saw my recovery magic, so she can't say anything anymore.

"Yosh, it can surely cure Lily's cold, bring her here Parfecto"

"....."

However, Parfecto hime's face turned blue again as she looked down after hearing what demon king-sama said.

"Hn, what's wrong Parfecto? Hurry up and bring Lily here"

Demon king-sama urged Parfecto hime who didn't respond to his words.

"——That's not necessary"

Then, a voice came from behind.

".....Eh?"

When I looked at the door, a woman wearing a dress was standing there .

".....Eeeh!?"

I thought for a second, who could that woman be and narrowed my eyes.

And the result, the woman who was wearing a dress and standing there, no matter how I looked at it ——— It was maid-san.

Chapter 92: I Never Saw It Before

".....Eh..... Eeeeh!?"

no matter how I see it, the one who entered the room wearing a beautiful dress was maid-san.

It was also the maid who told me the location of the room and took care of me a lot before.

"..... It's, ma-maid-san, right?"

I timidly asked demon king-sama and Parfecto-hime.

"Ah, right, she is my wife, but...?"

".....Eh?"

Etto, what do you mean?

Isn't she maid-san.....?

De-demon king-sama's wife.....?

"Wh-what do you mean.....?"

I thought it was possible, but I timidly asked demon king-sama.

"My wife dreams of being a maid, so I asked her to be a maid"

"Eeeh....."

Is that normal.....? (Ed: welcome to the world of fetish)

I don't know what kind of attitude I should use because I thought she was just a maid-san.

I might have been doing something rude or doing a lot of bad things before.

And I wonder, what she meant by [There's no need to bring Lily here]just now.

"....."

I don't know what to say, so I kept quiet like Parfecto hime.

"Hn, why don't we need to bring Lily here?"

At that exact moment, demon king-sama asked what I wanted to ask

A bad feeling passed my head and made my body stiff.

"That is——"

Finally, maid-san, or demon king-sama's wife opened her mouth.

I wonder what she'll say.

It felt very long until demon king-sama's wife answered.

"—— I think she will come here by herself"

"——Eh?"

I slowly looked at her face when I heard her.

"Ju-just now, what did you say.....?"

I noticed it, but I asked her again.

"Lily said she'll come here by herself, is there something wrong?"

Maid-san answered with no expression like usual.

But I couldn't be relieved without thinking about that words.

"But I heard Lily got a cold?"

Then demon king-sama raises his voice.

If I remember correctly, Perfecto hime said that Lily had a cold but.....

Demon king-sama and I looked at Perfecto hime who was looking down.

Whether she guessed our glances or not, Perfecto hime's shoulder started shaking.

"Lily does not have a cold, so please rest assured"

".....Eh?"

Then why would Perfecto hime say such a thing?

Well, I'm glad if Lily is fine but.....

"Then what is this all about?"

so it's like that, demon king-sama become curious and asked Parfecto hime.

"W-well....."

Parfecto hime barely raises her face, but she just say that and became quiet again.

"....."

During that time, I wasn't able to do anything and just watched what happened.

".....Hmm, so what exactly happened?"

Demon king-sama thought Parfecto hime wouldn't tell him more than that and asked his wife.

"it will be better if you hear it from Lily herself"

However, she didn't tell us.

Demon king-sama restrained himself from asking again and decide to hear it from Lily herself.

"....."

Even if she says so, I wonder when will Lily come.

I am not going to ask demon king-sama whether he cares about it or not.

"Etto, where is Lily.....?"

I unintentionally asked demon king-sama's wife.

"Perhaps, she will be here soon"

However, demon king-sama's wife only said that and didn't give me the answer I hoping for.

".....Oh, okay"

I can't ask anymore and became quiet again.

"....."

In the end, we didn't talk anything and let the time pass.

".....sigh"

I can't hold it anymore and sigh.

[Dogooo.....nn]

At that exact moment, I felt like I heard something collapse from somewhere far away.

".....Eh?"

I look at the direction of the sound, but nothing changed because of the door.

I take a look around, demon king-sama's wife didn't react to it particularly, Perfecto hime was shaking her shoulder like before and when I look at demon king-sama, surprisingly he also wonders what happened just like me.

".....What was that?"

Demon king-sama looked at his wife and asked, but she doesn't answer or do something, she just expressionless like before.

"....."

Demon king-sama was ignored, he made a dejected face but he immediately pulled himself as if it was nothing.

[Dogooo...nn]

[Dogooonnn]

[Dogooooonnn]

While doing such a thing, the sound continues to ring, and the sound was getting closer and closer.

Every time the sound came closer, not only Perfecto hime, but I and demon king-sama's shoulder were shaking.

Only demon king-sama's wife didn't care about such a thing and remained expressionless as usual.

[Dogooooooooonnnn]

And I finally felt that sound, no, that roar was near this room.

"....."

And then, when the roar was heard, demon king-sama's wife has moved

aside.

Although I don't know why but didn't particularly care either, I thought that roaring sound was more important.

"....."

At that time, I didn't know why, but the door came to mind.

I kept looking at the door.

During that time, I didn't hear the sound like a while ago and was relieved.

[Dogooooooooonnnnnn!!!!]

"——Eh?"

However, when I let my guard down, it came.

When I noticed it, the door I was looking at before, was headed towards me.

"Ugyaaa!!"

And then, the door which was supposed to be there..... blew me away.

Chapter 93: It's Not Fun At All

"Ugyaaa!!"

I was hit by the door that had a lot of momentum behind it, and I couldn't do anything about it.

The door that hit me still went on without losing any of its momentum.

In other words, I was blown away with it.

"Gwaa!!"

The air was blown away with the door, and with my back hitting something hard, I was attacked by a tremendous pressure. (Tn: Is it just me or there's something gay in it) (Ed: or a super saiyan showed up)

I tried to move my head to see , and apparently, I was caught between the door and a wall.

Furthermore, the momentum was terrible, my body's stuck to the wall.

".....He.....Heal....."

I touched my creaking body and somehow managed to heal myself.

But my body was still stuck on the wall.

"....."

If I waited, I'm sure demon king sama and the rest would come help me out, so I don't need to force my way out.

And there might be something in this room right now, so it was more convenient this way.

"....."

While thinking, I took a deep breath.

".....Li...r"

Suddenly there was a small voice in the room.

"——Eh"

I wonder whose voice that was just now.....

".....Liar"

That voice came into my ears, and that voice felt familiar .

".....sob....."

I know whose sobbing voice this is.

I don't even need to make sure whose voice is this——

".....liar!!"

——It was Lily's voice.

Apparently, Lily is the one who coming into this room just now.

In that case, perhaps Lily was leaping towards the door, but that's not important

What's more important is why Lily said such a thing.

[Liar] I don't know who "it" was intended for.

I tried to get out and moved my limbs, but looks like I can't get out, so I decided to obediently listen to the conversation.

".....Etto, what's wrong Lily?"

Perhaps demon king-sama understood the tension in the air, so he tried to calm Lily.

I'm sure demon king-sama is also puzzled because he don't know what was going on.

Maid-san, no that's wrong, demon king-sama's wife seems to know what happened, but it seems likely that she will not be doing anything.

Also because I didn't hear Parfecto hime's voice, she probably knows what really happened.

"Nooo!!"

When I was thinking about such a thing, I heard Lily's screaming.

"..... Eh....."

Oh, maybe that was demon king-sama's voice.

I'm sure Lily is running away and he wasn't able to calm her down.

The image of a dejected demon king-sama comes to mind.

However, the conversation was still going on.

".....Onee-chan is a liar!!"

Apparently the [Liar]Lily said before was for perfecto hime.

Perhaps that's why her face was turning pale.

"She said I was going to have fun, but it's not fun at all!!"

"....."

Nobody said anything to what Lily said.

I'm still stuck between the door and the wall and can't go out.

"Also, why was Nest going back!?"

I was surprised because my name was suddenly called.

Looks like the reason Lily got angry at Perfecto hime is because she didn't have fun and because she had driven me out.

".....Tte are.....?"

But perfecto hime said Lily going back by her own will right.....?

So why she care about me now.

".....Liar.....hiks.....Liar.....!"

When I was confused about what Lily say, She once again said [Liar]

Moreover, I don't know why, but she is crying now.

.....Perhaps it's because what Perfecto hime said to her.

I held my breath and waited for what will Lily said while still stuck between the door and the wall.

".....hiks.....Uuuu.....hiks.....!"

Lily maybe trying to endure her tears, but I could still hear it.

".....hiks"

the sobbing stopped a little.

Perhaps she'll tell us whose the [Liar] now.

I gently held my fist between the door and the wall.

"——— liiiiaaarrr!!!!"

"Eh....."

The moment Lily started yelling, I knew that my body was jumping out weirdly.

It's all because of what Lily said.

What Lily said was

Nest, you liar———

Chapter 94: Enough, Get Out Of My Way

Nest, you liar—.

For a moment I didn't understand what Lily said.

Not because it was different from what I expected, but it was because of something else, it filled my body with emotion.

"....."

I can't do anything because I was sandwiched between the wall and the door, but because of that, Lily didn't notice I was in here.

But still, Lily said my name.

".....I'm, a liar?"

I whispered so no one could hear me.

And started thinking at the same time.

What kind of lie did I say to Lily? (Tn: about you are not a lolicon?)

I desperately traced my memory.

However, no matter how much I thought about it, I still couldn't remember.

".....hiku... you lying Nest..... hiku!!"

I heard Lily crying again.

But why did Lily say that I'm lying.

—— No good.

I really can't remember.

I wasn't able to hold my impatient and frustration.

".....Liar..... hiku.....Liar..... hiku...!"

Lily kept muttering.

"..... What on earth happened Lily?"

Demon king-sama made up his mind and asked Lily.

I was grateful, as I didn't understand the situation and can't move right now.

"....."

There's still no reply from Lily.

The amount of time I waited for Lily to answer felt very long.

The door in front of me somehow feels heavier.

"—— Princess"

Then Lily finally muttered something.

".....?"

But still, with that alone, I honestly couldn't understand a thing.

I wonder what she meant by that.

"Princess?"

looks like demon king-sama also thought the same thing and asked Lily.

"....."

And she became quiet again.

I feel power naturally build up in my arms.

".....Nest——"

I wonder how much time has passed.

Lily finally opened her mouth.

"——was longing for a princess"

——Eh?

I, what.....?

Lily only said that and was quiet again.

I stare at the door.

".....That's why, that's why Lily became a princess like this..... hiku!!"

Then, I heard Lily's voice again.

I tried to trace my memories regarding what Lily said again.

—I remember now.

Maybe this is what Lily means.

It was the night before Lily disappeared.

[.....I asked about this before, but Nest is longing for a princess right.....?]

[.....Yes, I long for them.....?]

That's what I answered when Lily asked me who was still half asleep.

..... I Actually just remembered a while ago.

But since I didn't mind it, I never thought that will be the reason.

Nobody would think such a thing will be the reason.

But for Lily, it wasn't just[such a thing].

It's simple.

".....Hahaha....."

I never thought I'd laugh at myself.

I wonder how many times I keep making such blunders.

I do it a lot, don't I?

Think about what Lily feels—— they say,

I've never thought about it before and I know I can't help it even now.

Still, why didn't I realize till now?

I will never realize it until Lily says it herself, and it makes me sick.

"—— I wonder If Lily's just an abandoned child"

——Sigh.

it's not good to say such a thing.

"I wonder if it's it okay to stay in here....."

Lily is not at fault after all.

"Perhaps it's better like this"

Don't say anything anymore.....

"Nest doesn't like Lily anymore after all....."

Lily's hoarse voice was very unpleasant.

That time, something inside me, something hot inside me, the things that swirling in my chest coming up.

"YOU FUCKING KIDDING ME!!!"

I was screaming before I realize it.

I didn't say it to Lily.

I'm not saying it to Parfecto hime, and of course not to demon king sama nor his wife either.

It's to[myself]who didn't realize how Lily feels—.

It's to[myself]who didn't remember such a thing—.

It's to [myself]who made Lily came here—.

And above all, it's to[myself]who made Lily cry—.

"ENOUGH, GET OUT OF MY WAY!!!"

I tried to get out from being stuck with all I got.

"HEAL!!!"

I used recovery magic when I was tired and kept thinking of ways to get out.

Crack——.

Soon after that, I felt it move a little.

However, there were no signs of it moving afterward, even after pushing it in other directions.

Tap, tap——

Then, I heard footsteps.

I didn't mind it and kept trying to get out.

"——Eh?"

Suddenly, someone lifted the door in front of me.....

"——Nest?"

The one who released me from between the door and the wall, and looked at me with her eyes wide open was—— Lily.

Chapter 95: Please Give Me Your Daughter

Lily was the one who lifted the door.

She easily lifted the door that I was desperately trying to move.

".....Nest?"

Unlike the innocent Lily that I know, her fragile voice made it seem as if she was restraining herself somehow.

".....Aaah"

The fact that it was me who made her like that, it feels really awkward.

".....I'm sorry"

Feeling as if we were alone, I say so to Lily.

".....Lily, I will try harder so you won't feel abandoned anymore.....So—"

—Don't leave me.

Lily started shedding tears, as her hands try to reach me.

But her hands were too short, so she couldn't reach me yet.

But Lily, herself, didn't try to come any closer, and yet, those small hands still wandered in empty space.

".....I'm sorry"

I apologized to Lily who was extending her hands while hanging her face down.

"I didn't properly think about what Lily feels"

I didn't even notice it until someone told me.

"Also, there are a lot of things that I don't understand, even if I try to think about it"

Even when I try to think about Lily's feeling, there are a lot of things I still don't understand.

"If, if you are okay with useless guy like me—"

I close my eyes and extended my arms.

I extended my arms little by little.

"....."

I faintly felt something touching my fingertip

Then, I embraced it and held it tight.

It let me embrace it without resistance.

I slowly opened my eyes and lifted my face.

Lily also looked at me and lifted her face just like me.

While I was looking back to Lily, I said.

"Please stay with me, from now on until forever and ever—"

At the same time I say that words, I grasped her hands tightly with everything I got.

Lily grasped my hands and tears paint her smile.

"——Un!!"

Perhaps this is the most innocent smile she ever made.

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"——Well then, let's talk about what will we do next"

"Yes"

I was about to start talking with demon king-sama.

".....Hmm....."

By the way, Lily was clinging and rubbing my head like before.

"Ugh.....!!"

For some reason, Perfecto hime looking at me with a bitter expression, but I will ignore her for now.

"What will you do from now on Nest?"

Demon king-sama asked me while slightly smiling bitterly.

".....I will go back to the capital"

I'm already behind the schedule, Ethique and the rest must be worried.

Aura and the rest were waiting for us at the inn, it'll be better to hurry.

"Hmm, that's good, but what are you going to do with Lily?"

Demon king-sama looked at Lily while his hand was touching his chin.

"Hn!!"

When demon king-sama looked at Lily, she quickly hid from his gaze using my body.

"....."

Please don't look at me like that demon king-sama.....

"Well then, jokes aside, will you take Lily, Nest-san?"

Then, demon king-sama's wife asked that question to me.

"....."

How should I answer it?

It's obvious that I'll take Lily, she also wanted me to do so, but I don't know if demon king-sama and the rest will permit it or not.

It's necessary to choose my words properly.

".....Hmm....."

I felt anxious when everything suddenly became quiet, my eyes met with Lily who hugging me more tightly.

There are only traces of her crying, but it's all in the past.

When I think about it, I can't help but loosen my cheeks.

.....Ah, come to think of it, aunty taught me what to say at the time like this.

Rather than the words that I thought off, it'll be better to use the words from the elders.

I recall what aunty said at the inn.

Right, what aunty said should be—

"Father! Please give me your daughter!!"

Chapter 96: No Matter How Serious I Use My Power, It's Still Weaker Than Lily

"Aaaah, that's terrible, but maybe it was quite fun?"

We were heading to the capital using carriage right now.

Lily was still relaxing on my lap like usual.

Well, anyway, we were able to leave demon country safely.

After I said [Please give me your daughter] to demon king-sama, it became terrible.

First of all, Parfecto hime begin to rampage, then demon king-sama put his hands on the floor and murmured

"So the time has come....."

, and in the end, demon king-sama's wife who should have been expressionless as usual put her hand on her mouth and somehow smile delightfully.

Of course, I didn't know why it became a misunderstanding, but demon king-sama's wife told me the meaning of the word I just said..... but just like I said before, it was just a misunderstanding.

I mean, I didn't know that those words had such a meaning and I didn't say it with an ulterior motive.

.....It's true you know?

Well, after that, it took so much time to solve all the misunderstandings, but I managed to solve it somehow.

Then once again I spoke with demon king-sama and the rest for a while and got permission to take Lily.

But with the condition, I need to promise to bring Lily back sometimes, but since Parfecto hime's eyes become bloodshot, maybe it's better to bring Lily back as often as possible.

And then, since Ethique might be worried about us, we left the demon country within that day, and demon king-sama and the rest sent us off.

"

Ah, come to think of it, isn't it because aunty I got such horrible experience.....?

"

While I thought about it again, I remember that matter, so I sat beside aunty who was pulling the reins and glared at her.

"Is that so?"

"....."

Aunty didn't pay attention to my words and continued pulling the reins.

"

Or rather, I don't know why you came up with such a thing.....

"

I just did as she said! And if I thought about it, I felt stupid for willingly doing it, I never thought that those words had such meaning.

"

Eh, that's what my husband said when we were getting married though

"

".....Eh?"

I was surprised by what aunty said.

I was surprised because it's because of that words Lily can relax at my lap.

"Eh, you were married.....?"

Although it may be rude, I can't believe she was already married.

"Aah, it's what you call youth"

While she looking somewhere far away, aunty feels nostalgic remembering the past, I also nodded deeply.

"B-by the way, do you have a child.....?"

I was curious, so I timidly asked her.

"I have, there's only one though"

"Oooh....."

I make a strange voice because of how surprised I am.

But it can't be helped for me to be surprised.

Even though it was already surprising for her to be married, but even to have a child.....

I never thought that she, who drunk sake like crazy, would be able to be able to do that.

"Do you know Ethique?"

".....Eh"

I felt like I heard the name of a wrong person just now, was I just mishearing it?

I-if that's true than was aunty also.....

"Th-that's the king right.....?"

As I thought, it was bothering me, it can't be helped if I asked for it.

"So you know after all. Well, that's how it is"

(Tn: what kind of a king who let his mother be a coachman. Also, he made her drive someone not so important to dangerous place)

".....You can't be serious....."

.....Re-really, so that's how it is.

"B-but then why are you doing this?"

I don't understand why Ethique let his mother work as a coachman.

"

I begged my son. It's because I can't go outside unless at the times like this

"

"....."

It's really like Ethique, for him to let his mother do that for such reason, isn't it.....?

"

I mean if that's not the case then he will not let me do it right.....?

"

If I am in aunty's position, I will not let myself do that, because it would trouble Ethique.

"Well, it was more interesting this way"

"You shouldn't do that you know!?"

Maybe Ethique has such personality because he has aunty's blood in his vein. Or rather, it's probably absolutely true.

I was thinking such a thing while seeing aunty smile happily beside me.

"Hnnnn"

When I took a little break because I was tired of sitting and to let the horses rest, Lily got up and sat on my lap.

The night has come to end, and now it's getting brighter.

"Nest, can we go over there?"

Lily pulled my hand and pointed her other hand to the slightly big rock.

Because there was nothing to do, I accompanied Lily to relax.

"Yosh, let's go!"

Then, when we arrived at the rock, Lily suddenly put her hand on the rock.

It was in the form called [arms wrestling].

If you look closely, it was a flat rock that's perfect for arms wrestling.

"We-well, I.....!?"

It was already too late to run away.

I firmly grasped my leg with the hand that was not on the rock.

"Ready?"

Lily was wearing a big smile for me who was hardened.

I couldn't do anything and sat across the rock on the opposite side of Lily.

"Ara, that looks interesting"

"Oh, that's right"

Before we knew it, Aura and Tre were coming closer.

When I looked around, I saw aunty looking here while grinning.

"Sigh....."

I unintentionally sighed.

Aura was trying to signal the start of the game and Tre was excitedly looking at us.

And Lily was holding my hand in front of me.

When I look at them, I guess it's fun, isn't it? probably not though.

"Start!!"

Then Aura signaled the beginning of the game between me and Lily with a cheerful voice.

As the result—— it's okay not to say it right?

.....Aah, but let me say this at least.

No matter how serious I used my power, it's still weaker than Lily.

I wonder if it's just me who was overwhelmed by Lily's power rather than demons.

I thought of such a thing while looking up at the sky

——.

Chapter 97: Inside The Room

"Aah, we've finally arrived....."

I was looking at the path we've passed a while ago.

I'm sure there's still traces of this carriage behind and I think I see a big building ahead.

That was the castle where Ethique lives.

—

Yup, in short, we've arrived at the city where Ethique would be waiting for us.

".....Haa....."

I was tired after a long journey, and Lily was asleep on my lap as usual.

Moreover, she gently held the hem of my clothes.

If you look around a bit, there was Tre and Aura sleeping side by side.

".....Heal"

I used recovery magic on everyone one by one.

I heard from aunty that Ethique already told her about my recovery magic, so I didn't need to rephrase it to

[Refresh].

When I used recovery magic on Lily, a smile appeared on her face, maybe because it feels good.

Tre and Aura were also like that, it seems they were pretty tired.

After relieving their fatigue, I looked at aunty.

"We will stop soon right?"

From what I've heard before, aunty will drop us off near the castle, so I double checked.

"

Yup, that's right. I need to return the carriage after all.

"

Aunty said that while looking at me.

It was surprising since aunty who was the king's mother would return the carriage herself.

I didn't tell her, but Ethique is kinda like her I think, even though that kind of job is not surprising for a cab driver, it still quite surprising for her to do that.

"Then, thank you very much"

We got down from the carriage and said thank you to aunty.

Aunty says not to mind it and went to return the carriage. We went to the opposite direction.

We saw her off until we couldn't see the carriage anymore, then we turned around and went to the entrance of the castle.

We were stopped by the guards on the way, but since Ethique already told them something, they let me pass after I lightly explained the situation.

".....Eh, it's this way right?"

There is no way a maid would be around like before, so we slowly passed through the corridor while following our memories.

"Oh, isn't it nest-sama and co?"

I met a maid who seemed to be cleaning while we were walking down the corridor.

"Ah, hello. Etto, I'd like to see the king, but....."

I noticed it when I saw Aura and the rest.

Their clothes were a little bit dirty, maybe it's because the time spent on the carriage was too long.

I didn't mind, but as expected, the girls are sensitive about things like this.

"

.....That's what I thought, but can I borrow some clothes? It's for 3 people

though

"

"Ah, yes. then please come this way"

I was asking the maid to look at the 3 people behind me, as soon as she knew what I meant, she guided Aura and the rest.

"

Well then, I will go to see the king first, so please take care of them

"

When I said my thanks towards the back of the maid, she turned around and bowed.

And then she immediately guided Aura and the rest once again.

".....Let's go then"

I turned around and began walking in the familiar corridor alone.

"Etto, it's here right.....?"

After walking for a while, I saw a familiar door and stopped my legs.

Unlike the ordinary doors, the door to Ethique's room has a bit of decoration on it.

"Well, excuse me"

I just thought I needed to report to Ethique as soon as possible, so I opened the door without checking inside.

"....."

As I thought it'd be like this, Inside the dim room, it represents Ethique's hobby.

I was looking at[it]inside the room and silently thought.

Inside the room—— the[Jet-Black Savior]was standing.

Chapter 98: I'll Give You One

"....."

There was [Jet-Black Savior] inside the room.

No, there was Ethique dressed up as [Jet-Black Savior] inside the room

While I was shocked, Ethique himself didn't notice me at all.

And then, Ethique suddenly extending his arm forward.

"I am the [Jet-Black Savior]!!"

No, that was totally wrong!?

I was thinking about what I need to do and what should I say.

Moreover, Ethique turned here as he said so, and of course, our eyes met.

"....."

We didn't know what to say to each other and keep silence.

I felt guilty to see what I shouldn't have to see, and I'm sure Ethique also didn't want those to be seen either, it must be quite embarrassing, and the silence continued.

".....Umm, I came back just now....."

However, we couldn't stay like this forever after all, so I timidly greet Ethique.

"A-aah, I-I'm glad you are save"

Ethique was quite flustered, but I need to answer properly.

We-well, it was something that he didn't want people to know after all.

I will pretend not to see them.

Actually, I felt this also happened before, but, ma-maybe it was just my imagination.

"I-I already heard from my subordinates before, I'm glad that everyone is safe"

As I thought Ethique didn't want to talk about what happened right now, so he told me to keep telling the story.

Of course, I already knew about Ethique's hobby, but that signature phrase he was saying before was so embarrassing.

"Demon king-sama is a good person after all, so I was saved"

If demon king-sama wasn't a kind person, I'm sure Lily will not be at this place right now, and I'm really glad about that.

"So, what happened with the others?"

While we were talking, Ethique has completely regained his composure and not flustered like before.

"Aah, they get a little dirty because it took a long time in the carriage, so I borrow some clothes just now"

I asked a nice maid before to change their clothes.

"Oh, that's right! I have been told that the coach driver from before is your mother....."

When I met Ethique, I completely forgot to ask that.

Is what aunty said true.....?

There were various things about Ethique, but it's better to hear it from the person itself, after all.

"Aah, that's right, she is my mother, but is there something wrong?"(Tn: it's like when he asked demon king-sama about her wife being a maid)

"....."

I was shocked from Ethique's answer.

Honestly, I thought, even Ethique will not let his mother work as a coach driver.

But Ethique said that aunty is really his mother.

He couldn't refuse his mother request, Ethique's easy to guess.

After that, we were talking for a while, I answered a lot of questions he asked

about what really happened.

"Hnn, according to the story, perhaps the black cloak I gave you is already....."

Ethique who has been listening to my story so interestingly, suddenly talking.

"Yes, it was tattered"

The black cloak Ethique gave me was already in a tattered state when I was doing various things in demon king's castle.

I feel bad since I broke a thing he gave me, but when I looked at Ethique, he seemed really happy somehow.

".....Actually, I reinforced the durability of the cloak"

And then, with a delightful look, Ethique happily told me.

"Eeh, that's great"

I was glad that he reinforced the durability.

".....It's this thing, what do you think?"

When he said so, he took out a black cloak and gave that to me.

"....."

The black cloak Ethique gave me was dyed in a beautiful jet-black color, and the shape was certainly tickle a man's heart.

"I still have a lot of it, so I'll give you one"

Ethique gave the black cloak to me.

Not only black, but the cloak was also smooth to touch, I could understand that the person who made this has a great skill.

"Ah, Nest!"

When I thought such things, I heard Lily's voice from behind.

As I turned around, Lily came towards us.

However, Lily alone jumped to me on the spot.

".....Eh!?"

If an ordinary person, you will never be able to reach the distance, but Lily

was a demon, so she could easily jump like that.

I was slightly panicked as I spread my arms towards Lily.

However, I noticed something.

In my arms——there was a black cloak.

".....Ah"

I didn't know what should I do, so I was trying to give the black cloak to Ethique without being noticed somehow, but it's already too late.

Lily was already flying from a distance where her hands can reach me.

It couldn't be helped, I tried to catch her while holding the black cloak, but because I was panicked, the folded black cloak was spread the moment I tried to catch Lily.

"——Ah"

This is bad, when I was thinking about that, there was a[Riip]sound. (Tn: torn sfx)

"....."

I slowly put Lily down and timidly looking at my hands.

The black cloak that I just got from Ethique was torn miserably.

"....."

Next day, rumors say there were two men looking at a torn black cloak with an expression that couldn't be explained. The rumors seem to be spread around.

Chapter 99: Please Throw Me Up Into The Sky

"Lily, please throw me into the sky"

I grasped Lily's little hands as I said so.

.....How did it come to this, let's go back a little.

"—Well, thank you very much"

We will be going back to town today. We've been away from home for a long time.

I was in the middle of saying thank you to Ethique, Saint Luna, and the King's mother who had come to see us off.

"No no no, I also had fun"

Luna replied to me.

There were a lot of things that made me feel indebted to the royal family.

There was also the problem with Lily's ridiculous power, it's really troublesome in various ways.

There was a wry smile on Luna's face when she recalled that.

".....Well, thanks for everything"

When we were doing such a thing, the carriage that would bring us back to the city was about to leave soon, so I once again gave my final thanks.

"....."

Luna waved her hand and saw us off until we left the capital.

While I was looking at Luna, I thought that I wouldn't come back to the capital for a while.

Or rather, I think it's better to stay in the town for a while.

I have been busy lately, I wanted to rest at home for the first time in a while.

However, we have to give some treatment at the guild after a long period of absence.....

I sighed a little after thinking about our plans from now on.

As we traveled to the town, we decided to take a break along the way.

The place that we decided to rest was the place where I was previously hit by the dragon.

".....Haa"

I walked away from the carriage and went to the place where I was chased by the dragon.

I didn't do anything in particular, but it was still emotional to be here.

"Nest~"

"Huwaa!?"

While I thought so, there was a voice behind me. It surprised me.

When I looked at the owner of the voice, there was Lily standing there with a mischievous face.

"So it's just Lily....."

It really surprised me. I patted my chest after I realized that it was just Lily.

Maybe I was a bit cautious since I wasn't familiar with the place and was previously attacked by the dragon here.

"Let's play~"

I don't know whether she had noticed something wrong with me, but Lily came to me while laughing happily.

And as soon as she ran in front of me, she grabbed my hand and ran ahead.

Since I didn't have any reason to refuse, I followed her.

"That place is nice~"

The place where Lily pointed at was a place like a big square.

"He-here.....?"

When I was chased by the dragon, I think I ran away in various directions. But, I never thought such a place existed.

Nevertheless, it's true that we can take it easy here.

"Nest, look at this!!"

"Hnn?"

And then, Lily called me.

Lily held something in her hands, but I don't know what it was.

"Here I go~"

When Lily said that, she held it in her hand with all her strength.

And then, something flew away from Lily towards the sky.

When I chased it with my eyes, it was already flying up towards the sky, and gradually became invisible to the eye.

"....."

I was shocked when I saw that.

After looking up for a while, the thing that Lily threw gradually fell down.

".....Otto"

And then, Lily easily catches the thing that fell down with terrible momentum.

"It's amazing right~!?"

I was really surprised when I saw what Lily had just shown me.

It seems the thing inside Lily's hand was just a slightly large stone.

"....."

Lily came to me and asked for my impression, but I was thinking about something completely different.

.....With that——, I can fly in the sky, right?

Right now, I was dominated by such a thought.

I never thought about it until now, but with Lily's power, I'm sure I can fly in the sky.

When I met the dragon, I felt like I was flying in the sky for a bit, but actually, it was just me being blown away.

When I got that idea, I turned to Lily.

"Hey Lily, please—— throw me into the sky"

I say so while holding Lily's small hands.

"Hnn, okay~?"

Even though she looks puzzled, she still gave an okay.

I was really happy when I heard that.

"Then, let's go~!"

I am being lifted by Lily right now.

Lily's power was terrifying after all. She easily lifted my body.

"——Eeei!!"

And then, Lily threw me away.

"——Eh"

Not vertically—— but diagonally.

I thought she was going to throw me vertically like before, but I never thought that she would throw me diagonally.

I, who was thrown away by Lily, was moving through the air with great speed.

I was able to understand my current situation after a while.

.....I will die like this!!

I slowly opened my eyes and looked down while enduring the wind against my face.

The ground is still far away, but I was beginning to gradually fall towards the ground.

"He-he-heal!"

This would be really bad if I didn't use recovery magic.

Meanwhile, the distance between me and the ground has shrunk considerably.

"Heal heal heeal heeal heeeal heeeeeeaaalll!!"

I had thought to use recovery magic continuously at the moment when I hit the ground, but I let go of my consciousness because of the fear.

After that, I was unhurt for some reason, but my mouth was foaming. So Lily carried me to the carriage, or so I heard.....

Chapter 100: The Tree Branch Is The Same As Usual

"Well, I'm off to go defeat some goblins for a bit"

"Be careful, okay?"

"Okay"

Aura sent me off worriedly as I answered her and waved my hand before I began to walk again.

As for why I was doing this, it's because the carriage can't move since there were a lot of goblins up ahead.

"It's quite a lot....."

When I counted the number of goblins that had gathered in front of me, there were at least 50 of them.

".....Haa"

I sighed because there were a lot more than I had anticipated. But I needed to do something about these goblins.

I looked at the goblins in front of me again and sighed a second time. Then I began to run towards them with my usual knife in my hand.

".....Tsu....."

I ended up being hit several times after that. But it wasn't as painful as usual, so I continued to fight the goblins after I finished healing myself.

"....."

I continued fighting the goblins for a while, but there was one thing on my mind.

And that is, the battles gradually felt more like chores because I kept doing the same thing.

I'm sorry for the goblins, but I'm getting really bored.

However, if I leave the hordes of goblins alone, not only would they slow down the carriage, but there's also the possibility of the nearby villages being

attacked. That's why I need to fight, but unfortunately, it gets boring.

"Hnnn....."

In the end, I still looked aside even though I was in the middle of fighting.

I know I should do this seriously since I'm taking lives, even if they're just goblins. But it can't be helped if it's become that way because I kept doing simple work like this.

".....What should I do?"

I looked around thinking that there must be something that can get me out of this situation.

".....Aah"

Soon after I began looking around, I saw a tree branch.

".....Yotto"

I cut off the arm of the goblin which approached me using the knife, then slipped out from the battlefield and went to the tree branch that was on the ground.

"....."

And of course, the goblins kept coming for me in the meantime, but I didn't mind it and slowly extended my arm to grab the tree branch.

[Ugggyaaaaa!!]

Just when my hand touched the tree branch, I heard the cry of the goblins in my ears.

".....Fuu.....!"

I swung the tree branch towards the sound behind me.

[Gu-Gugagyagyaaaaa!!]

At that moment, I heard the goblin's agonizing death.

".....Haa, I can cut them after all....."

The sharpness of the tree branch was surprising as usual. I turned and rushed toward the goblins

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"Ki-King-sama, here's the report"

"Umu"

I received the report from my subordinate as usual.

But this time, I felt that he looked a bit more nervous than usual. Is it because of the report?

"Th-then, please excuse me"

He bowed then left the room.

I saw the report in my hands.

Then I read it as usual and found something interesting in it.

[

A large number of goblin corpses were found at the road between the city and the capital. The number exceeded more than 50, it can be presumed that something happened.

Also, the cuts on the dead bodies resembled the [Slaughter Witch]

. However, unlike the previous case, the subjugation parts, the goblin's ears were all cut off.

It is still unknown whether it's an adventurer passing through or the [Slaughter Witch].

If it's the latter, then there's a possibility that it's an intelligent being that is living among humans while posing as an adventurer.

We should be vigilant enough to prepare for an unexpected situation

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It was written like that in the report.

"Haaa....."

I sighed weakly in secret and put the report on the desk

Chapter 101: Will He not Coming Again Today?

".....W-w-we have arriiiiiiveeeed!!"

Right now, we've finally made it back home.

I ended up saying it out loud in front of the door, but it can't be helped, I think.

After all, it's been a while since I came back home.

It's also been awhile since I was invited to the party in the castle

"Haaaa"

When I go into my room, without thinking, I jumped into my bed.

This room is more comfortable than anywhere else, especially with a few items and furniture.

".....Bed is the best....."

Moreover, since I was riding in a carriage for a long time, I was really looking forward to lying down on the bed.

After all, a bed is better than the carriage.

I was in the mood to wrap up myself to sleep.

".....Haa"

I forgot to tell everyone that we had returned to the city.

When the carriage almost reached the city, we were dropped off from the carriage earlier and went back to home.

That's why I didn't meet anybody in the city, let alone the guild.

".....Is it better for me to go.....?"

I lay flat on my back on the bed and looked up at the familiar ceiling.

"Hmmm....."

No, it's already late at night, it's better for me to go tomorrow instead of

today.

When I look the darkness outside the windows, I fall asleep as it is.

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(Asuha POV)

"Haa..... so today is also no good"

As guild staff, Asuha was looking at the two bento in front of her. (Tn: If I remember correctly, Kookie translated Asuha to Asha before. but I will use raw version because I think it's better) (Ed: receptionist girl that nest ran away from a lot, in case you folks forgot)

One is of course for her, and the other is for [him]

It seems[he]

went to the capital to do some business, but I still made a bento for [him].

And I ended up making 2 bento almost everyday since [he] was gone.

Of course, I leave it like always, but I wonder if he'll be coming back today. Then I end up preparing a second bento as usual.

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But, today too, he won't be back after all...

I would never say it, but my heart understands.

"Good morning—. Asuha—"

When I arrived at the guild, some of the other guild staff, like me, have already arrived.

"Good morning"

I left a brief greeting for my colleague who was sleepy, then began working.

[Good morning]

"-----Eh"

That was when I was sitting at the guild receptionist.

Despite the hustle bustle of the adventurers, I reflexively put my eyes off from the paper and raised my face to the voice that came into my ears.

And saw the person who just came into the guild.

I was somehow able to look at the entrance of the guild through the gap of the crowd adventurers.

"....."

——There he is.

Even though it was only for a moment, I was able to see  
[him] around the door.

And at that exact moment, our eyes met.

As soon as[he]

passed through the adventurers, he was coming straight to me.

.....Eh, what should I do.....!?

I was trying to not let panic show through my face, but I wasn't sure whether I was able to do it or not.

But this is too sudden, it made me panic.

At my feet, there is a lunch box that I poured in a lot of effort to make this morning.

Even though I thought that it will also be no good today, there is a bento that I made because of a feeling that he would be coming today.

But I ran into one problem.

.....How can I give it to him?

I was staring at the bento at my feet.

"Long time no see Asuha-san"

Then, he greeted me without knowing the conflict within me.

".....Yes, it's been a long time hasn't it?"

I slowly raised my sight and returned the bento.

Right now,[he]——Nest was standing in front of me.

## Chapter 102: I Will Leave Early

"Long time no see"

Nest was standing in front of me while saying that.

.....What should I do in this situation?

I was quite impatient because of this sudden situation.

"....."

There were two bento at my feet, one of which was a bento that I had made for Nest.

But even though I had made it, I didn't know how to give it to him.

"Oi Nest, quickly heal me!"

Adventurers were starting to call for Nest as I was thinking about what to do.

"Ah, then I'm going to give them treatment"

"Aah....."

My hand tried to reach for Nest who was leaving the reception desk, but I stopped it.

"

.....Well, it's for lunch after all, so I still have time

"

I whispered to myself, it would still be fine even if I gave it to him during lunch break.

Exactly at that moment, Nest started his treatment.

".....Sigh"

I let out a deep sigh because of this situation.

The time was already around evening and the number of adventurers in the guild was decreasing.

.....And yet, I still couldn't give him my bento.

As for Nest, it's about time he finished giving treatment.

Even though there should be a lot of customers coming for treatment because of his long absence.

"....."

I dropped my gaze to my feet again.

There still were the two bento from this morning.

But I wonder whether it would have been different if I had given it to him this morning. Maybe one of it would be empty if I had done that.

It would be nice if I could give it naturally to Nest-san. That way, I can have lunch without being alone during lunch break.

Besides, it's already too late now.

It would trouble Nest if he took this before dinner.

".....Sigh"

I don't know how many times I have sigh today.

[Yosh! I'm done!]

I heard such words when I was sorting out documents.

I immediately stopped my work and looked in that direction.

There was the figure of Nest who had just finished giving treatment and had begun preparing to return.

"....."

I feel that I shouldn't give the bento today.

It's not like I have to give it today, there's still tomorrow after all. Yup, It's fine to make it again and try giving it once again tomorrow.

"Then, thanks for your hard work"

Nest left a greeting to the people in the guild and went out through the door.

"....."

I stared at the door where Nest-san had gone out.

——Is it okay like this?

I heard such a voice inside my chest.

——

Is it okay to waste a bento you made with such great effort like this?

It's true that it's such a waste, but I can still make it again tomorrow.

——

You couldn't give it today, so why do you think you can give it tomorrow?

.....

I knew it, there were two conflicting opinions inside of me.

——

Right now, do you still want to give this bento to Nest?

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My hands stopped working, as I asked myself that question.

"....."

.....What should I do? What should I do? Really—— It can't be helped.

"Sorry, I'll leave early today!"

".....Eh!?"

The guild employee behind me raised a surprised voice, but I ignored it for now.

After I had decided, I acted immediately.

I picked up the bento and opened the guild's door.

And then, I ran in the direction where Nest had gone towards.

"Haa..... Haa....."

A chilly wind brushed my cheeks as I ran.

.....When was the last time I ran seriously like this?

Perhaps I shouldn't be running too much after having retired as an adventurer.

".....Haa.....!!"

I don't know whether my effort paid off or not, but his back was reflected in my view.

——Just a little bit more!!

It should be easy to catch up from here.

"—Ah"

At that time, I was too hasty. My feet got tangled and I fell.

".....!"

After that, I felt pain.

Since I was carrying a bento, I couldn't get into a proper position and fell pretty hard.

"....."

—I couldn't give him the bento after all.

Things like this usually never happen, and yet, I fail during important moments like this.

When I looked closely, I saw my blood flowing on the ground.

"....."

——It's okay, you can still make it again tomorrow.

.....That's right, isn't it.....?

—Yup, It's fine to make it again tomorrow.

As if the conflict from a while ago was nothing but a lie, I immediately decided so.

I convinced myself with that answer.

And yet, why?——Why do I feel so sad?

".....Ah"



Something cold was flowing down my cheeks.

"Are, Asuha-san.....?"

"—Eh?"

I slowly raised my face and looked at the direction of the voice that came to my ears.

"A-are you okay.....?"

At that place, there was Nest who, unlike this morning, was looking at me with a worried expression

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## Chapter 103: I Was Reaching My Limit

"It's done!!"

I said so with much sense of accomplishment.

Today, because of my long absence, I treated so many people in the guild.

Because of the help from Aura and the rest, the number of people decreased somehow and I finally finished the treatment for the last person.

By the way, as the number decreased, Tre seemed to become tired, so Aura and the rest went home early.

That's why I was preparing to go home alone

Even though I didn't bring anything in particular, I lightly cleaned the desk that I used until it became clean.

Since I will be indebted to it for a while, I should keep it clean.

Then, since it already looked clean to some extent, I greeted the people in the guild and went home.

"There were a lot of people today....."

I remembered what happened today and heartily said so.

It's probably because I wasn't in town for a while.

[Guuuuu]

When I thought about such a thing, a sound came from my stomach.

Actually, I didn't have time for lunch due to the number of people today.

That's why, I'm very hungry now.....

I would be glad if Aura already cooked dinner, but it's still too soon for that, so I didn't expect too much.

I should have asked them to make dinner first before I let them go back.

".....Haa"

But it's useless to think such a thing now.

"

I think it will be fine to eat something for a bit

....."

When I thought so, I looked around.

However it's not possible to do so at this place since there's no shop where I could buy a meal around here.

".....Hnn?"

At that time, I accidentally looked behind me.(PR: how does one accidentally look behind them)

".....Eeh!?"

When I looked back, there was a person falling down.

I went to the fallen person in a hurry.

somehow that person's back felt familiar.

She was wearing a uniform of the guild official and the color of her hair also felt familiar.

"Are, Asha-san?"

(Tn: I changed it back to Asha since there's a lot of people think that Asha is better than Asuha)

When I called her, her body trembled slightly and she slowly raised her face towards me.

"A-are you okay.....?"

As I thought, the guild staff that fell down was my acquaintance, Asha-san.

I didn't know why Asha-san was here or why she fell down in such a place, but for now it's better to treat her rather than to keep thinking about such a thing.

There's blood flowing out from the scratch and several wounds at Asha-san's arms and feet.

"He-heal"

Even though I was panicked for a bit, I was able to treat Asha-san properly.

".....Th-thank you very much"

After the treatment is over, Asha-san slowly stood up and said thank you to me.

"No, it's okay, but why are you here?"

I didn't know where Asha-san's home is, but it shouldn't be around here.

"....."

However, Asha-san averted her eyes instead of answering my question.

".....?"

Since I didn't know what that meant, I tilted my head.

".....Aah"

But that's when my eyes saw something.

"A-asha-san....., is that a bento.....?"

I saw a bento at Asha-san's hand.

".....Th-that's right"

Asha-san nodded in response to my words while showing a hesitant look somehow.

"Ca-can I have that.....?"

I asked Asha-san with a faint hope.

Since I was hungry and saw Asha-san's bento in front of me, I was reaching the limit.

".....Please go ahead"

"Eeh!?"

Asha-san gave the bento in her hands to me.

I was surprised, I never thought I could get it, but I carefully received it as to not drop it.

"Th-thank you very much!!"

I was so happy that I ended up saying it so loud, but I didn't mind it.

"Do-do you mind if I eat it now!?"

I asked Asha-san while pointing to a nearby bench.

"Eh, ri-right now.....?"

Asha-san didn't look good and had a shadow over her face.

"I can't.....?"

Because I was really hungry, I wanted to eat it right away, but.....

".....U-umm, please go ahead....."

Asha-san hesitated somehow, but still gave her consent to me.

"Let's go there Asha-san!"

I took Asha-san's hand and sat her on the bench that was set to take a break on.

"Then, I'll open it okay.....?"

I sat on the bench as well and looked at Asha-san who was sitting next to me.

"....."

Asha-san slightly nodded with a nervous look.

"Well then....."

When I slowly opened the lid, ———

————There was nothing in it.

In short, the bento was already eaten.

## Chapter 104: Wait A Minute, Aura-kun

"Still, it's delicious....."

While I was lying on the bed, I was thinking about Asha's bento I ate a while ago.

At first, when I opened the bento, there was nothing in it. I thought it was already eaten, but when Asha-san saw this, she became stiff. Then she said "Please wait here for a bit" and ran away somewhere.

Then, after waiting for a while, Asha-san came back while holding something in her hands.

When I looked at the thing in her hands, I saw a bento that looked the same as before.

When I nervously opened the lid, this time, I saw a lined up food that looked so delicious, it stimulated my hunger.

When Asha-san gave me the chopsticks, I asked her again whether it's okay to eat it, and then began to eat the bento.

While I was eating, I wondered why Asha-san had two bentos. But such a thing doesn't matter as long as I can eat a delicious bento.

".....Aah."

I want to eat it again.....

Having Asha's dishes again I can't help but to crave more.

Of course the things that Lily and the rest make were very tasty, but the dishes that Asha-san made had a different flavor than what Lily, the rest, and I could make.

It feels very fresh, maybe that's what makes it delicious.

"Unn."

It's somehow embarrassing for me to ask for it, so I need to wait for Asha-san to make it.....

While I was feeling a little disappointed, I pressed my head against the bed.

".....Est? Nest~"

".....Hn.....Huh?"

Since there's a voice calling me, I slowly open my eyes.

It seems I fell asleep while I was lying on the bed.

"....."

When I was wondering about who called me, I saw Lily straddling my body and bring her face closer to me. (Tn: Okay, time to call the police!) (Pr: lily would probably rape tho)(Tn: Reverse rape?)

"Ah, have you woke up?"

Lily noticed that I have woken up and get off the bed.

".....So, what's wrong?"

I thought Lily woke me up for something, so I asked.

"Hmm, lunch is ready?"

".....Aah, okay."

I sat up while rubbing my eyes.

I'm sure what Lily meant to say was dinner.

If I remember correctly, I was sleeping without eating anything, that's must be why she woke me up.

Fortunately, Asha-san's bento wasn't too much, so I should be able to eat the dinner.

"Fuu....."

I got up from the bed and went to the door where Lily went.

"Ooh, it looks so delicious."

I say while looking at the dishes on the desk.

There's obviously meat, but there's vegetable as well.

"Well then, shall we eat?"

There's Lily, Aura, and Tre beside the desk, so we start eating.

".....Un, it's delicious"

I take a mouthful of food to my mouth.

It was melting softly inside my mouth as I said so.

"It was made by Lily you know~?"

Lily was so happy hearing my words.

"Eeh, that's amazing"

Lily who sat next to me was smiling so happily when I praised and pat her.

"....."

And yet, Aura and Tre look depressed somehow, but maybe it just my imagination.

That's what I thought and I continued eating.

".....Fuu, my stomach is so full....."

I thought I should eat the food in front of me, but surprisingly, there was a lot of it.

Well, it's good that I can eat it properly.

"Eh, full already.....?"

When I said that, Aura was surprised and looked at me.

"W-well, but, I finished eating it all....."

I said something strange to Aura as I show my empty dish.

".....? you didn't eat lunch right?"

Then Aura asked me so.

"Well, it's true that I didn't eat lunch but....."

After that I got a bento from Asha-san.....

"That's why I made a lot of it today!"

".....Eh?"



After she said that, Aura left the desk and went back to the kitchen.

My eyes timidly follow after her back.

"....."

Then, just as I imagined, Aura brought me a plate full of a new dishes.

"....."

Wa-wait a minute, Aura-kun.

"Yup, it's your share Nest"

Aura ruthlessly placed the new dish in front of me.

"Oh, that's also made by Lily~"

While I looked at the dishes, Lily was looking at me with a sparkling eyes.

Please stop it.....

If you look at me like that, I need to eat all of it.....

"....."

But I don't have the courage to eat all of it.

I'm sure if I start eating it, I need to eat it until I finish it all.

"It's delicious you know?"

Lily told me so.

"Okay, Aaann"

I don't know what I thought at that time, but I took a mouthful of the dishes and brought it to my mouth.

This way I don't have a choice aside to eat it isn't it.....?

After everything was over, I didn't have to tell you that I had to use recovery magic on my stomach multiple times right?

## Chapter 105: It's Payback Time

".....My stomach is heavy....."

The night ended as I mutter so on my bed.

Thanks to recovery magic, or maybe simply because enough time has passed, my stomach feels better.

"....."

While lightly rubbing my stomach, I silently looked up at the familiar ceiling.

And then a certain idea crossed my head, no, my stomach.

——Let's pay her back.

After deciding so, I get up from the bed slowly and get out of my room.

".....Fufufufu....."(Tn: I bet \$10 for his plan to turn badly!) (Ed: Naturally, knowing his IQ...)

I was smiling naturally when I thought about what I will do from thereafter.

But when I thought that someone would found me, my face crisps. But despite of that, I can't help laughing to myself.

it's because I was thinking about what I'll later do to Aura after all.

"Fufu...fu....."

I couldn't hold it in and laughed again even though I knew I shouldn't do that.

".....Yosh, Let's do it"

But still, this morning is quite dim.

At that time, I was the only one who came to my house's garden.

That is to search for a certain something.

I'm sure everyone will wake up when it brightens up, that's why I came so early. But because it's quite dim, I can't find what I want.

".....Sigh"

I sighed because of that.

It's been a long time since I started looking.

And yet, I still can't find it.

The sun's coming up, the time for everyone to wake up is near.

Perhaps they already woke up.

".....ah"

At that time, thanks to the brighter surroundings, I finally found it.

".....Fufufufu....."

I can't help but laugh because of the joy. It's good that I finally found it.

What made me smile so much is ——— the carcass of some disgusting insect in my hand.

".....There's no one up, right.....?"

I slowly opened the door as to not make noise.

I check from the gap to make sure there's no one in there. But just in case, I crawl on the ground as to not to make a sound.

"What are you doing?"

"Eh?"

Suddenly, my shoulder was trembling because of that shivering voice.

When I looked up, there was Lily who seems to be sleepy.

".....Go-good morning"

Not knowing what to say, I just mutter that.

"Hnn, good morning"

Lily rubs her eyes and greet me.

"....."

But, I wonder what I should do.

I shouldn't let anyone know about what I'm gonna do, but.....

"....."

I slowly place my index finger against my lips.

In other words it's the 'please be quiet' sign.

".....Un"

Because of my serious look, Lily nods while having a sleepy face.

Once I confirm that, I go crawling again on the floor.

"....."

Then, when I looked behind me again, somehow, Lily was following me.

However instead of quarelling with her and getting found out by Aura and company, I think it'd be better that she'd tag along quietly, so I already went towards the place I'm aiming for without saying anything.

".....Yosh, we arrived....."

Right now——I was in front of bathroom.

By the way, Lily was still following behind me.

".....fufufufu"

Oops, it's not good.

Since I managed to come this far, I need to finish it until the end.

".....Wait here for a bit, okay.....?"

I told Lily who was sleepily waiting behind me, slowly nodded.

".....Yosh, it's okay like this"

There's a dead insect in front of my eyes.

Alright, this guy is quite disgusting.

I left it in the middle of the bathroom.

"After that, we just need to wait for Aura to take a bath....."

I was sure at that time I had a very terrible smile——.

"Oh, good morning Aura"

It's convenient, today I was in charge of making a breakfast, and Aura woke up at the same time as I was cooking.

"Since it will take a while, why don't you take a bath first?"

I said so to Aura while showing her the dishes.

"I see. In that case I suppose I'll take one first. "

.....fufufu—— it's working according to keikaku. (Tn: keikaku means plan)

Without doubting my suggestion, Aura went to the bathroom.

By the way, Lily sat on the chair, waiting for breakfast.

And now, I just need to wait for Aura to scream.

[Kyaaaaa!!]

——There you go, I heard it.

I smiled at the success of my revenge.

"Ne-Nest! The-there's a bug!!"

"Wha!?"

And then, when I heard the sounds of footsteps, Aura came in front of me (.....) naked.

It surprised me.

"OkFaAkfa@fkptsuuuuu!?"(Tn: it's not mistranslated okay) (Ed: lol I checked anyway)

I was too surprised, I let out a strange sounds that I don't understand.

"He-here!"

I turned around and threw clothes big enough to cover up Aura's body.

"Is there something wrong~?"

And then, Aura's voice made Lily worry and she came over here.

"Th-there was a bug~! Inside the bath~!!"

Aura says so to Lily with teary eyes while crying.

"....."

I was listening to Aura while thinking.

"Hnn~?"

As for Lily, she tilted her head when she heard what Aura said.

"Aah"

At that moment, Lily raises her voice as if remembering something.

"So that's why Nest was in such a place~!!"

And then, she dropped the bomb.

".....Eh?"

——Time had stopped. (Tn: zawarudo!!) (Ed: Loli Lily's retribution against beta MC)

".....What do you mean?"

Her great vigor from a while ago changed completely as she glared at me.

"We-Well.....?"

I was only able to react like that after looking away from Aura.

After that, it goes without saying what became of me—.

However, let's just say that the scream of a man was heard within the entire town——.

## Chapter 106: You Loser Assholes!

".....Haa, yesterday was such a mess....."

I said so while looking up at the ceiling from my bed.

After that, they found out that the insect in the bathroom was actually my work, and they paid me back in various ways.

Well, it's true that I did something bad but.....

".....Maybe, I should go to the guild today."

I didn't go to the guild yesterday, so maybe there will be a lot of people to heal today.

I get up from the bed as I think so, and start changing my clothes.

".....Eh, where is Aura?"

When I finished changing my clothes, I went to the room where we always eat. But there were only two people in there, Lily who was cooking and Tre was sitting quietly.

I thought it was weird, so I sat down and asked Tre.

"Etto, she went to the guild.....?"

And then, Tre said so to me while looking away from me.

"Hmm"

I don't know why her attitude is so cold like that, but I think it's fine for now.

Maybe Aura went to the guild early to prepare for the treatments.

I convinced myself such and sat on the chair. I kept waiting for the breakfast that Lily made.

"I will going ahead then"

After I was done eating Lily's breakfast deluxe, I said so from the door to Lily and Tre that were still inside my house.

I left them behind and went first, since Tre was also there, I'm sure it will be

okay.

I thought so and opened the door, then went to the city by myself.

"Ah, isn't it Nest-chan? Do your best today, okay?"

"Ah, thank you—"

When I was walking in the city, I was greeted by auntie on the way.

While I properly answer her, I walk again towards the guild.

"....."

And then, when I was going to walk, auntie suddenly approached me, then she stuck out her leg between my feet.

"——Eh?"

Naturally I couldn't react in time and tripped on my leg like that, then I let out a weird "Buggyaa" sound as I fell down.

"He-heal....."

I muttered so while my face was still stuck to the ground.

"....."

I got up slowly from the ground. I wanted to ask auntie why she did that and looked back.

"....."

However, it should be obvious, auntie had already ran away, with only a cold wind left.

".....Uwaa....."

I fell down, again.

I wonder how many times is this?

I've almost arrived at the guild, but I probably tripped my feet more than ten times already.

Of course if I'm the one who gets done in so many time I will try to avoid anymore of this, but the other party is not just one person, but a large number



of people.

Even just now, 5 people came at the same time, and I already fell down 3 times already.

I was trying to complain, but all of them left while only leaving a smoke at that moment.

".....Ha"

Why on earth are they doing this? {ED note: jesus what a low IQ low EQ cuck. Just leave these evil plebs to pay for their overpriced potions, sell your backstabbing slaves to some perverts and go to the capital with the loli Lily}

As I get a little depressed, I looked towards the guild that was gradually getting closer.

"....."

I somehow do not feel like doing a treatment today.

After all, the ones who tripped me a while ago were mostly adventurers that I treated at least once before.

".....Well, it's okay....."

But I thought, there would be people who need treatment today. Then I slowly open the guild's door in front of me.

"Yosh, today is over....."

Even in the guild, I was falling down several times, but I was able to finish the treatment safely.

Honestly, I gave up on not falling down.

If I gave more attention to the surroundings, it would only get me tired, I don't feel pain anyway.

But the only concern is, why everyone suddenly started doing this?

There would be no such a thing without any reason.

".....Uun"

At that time, I saw the place where the quest paper were affixed.

".....?"

Among them, there is one request paper that stood out somehow.

I wondered what it was, so I went in front of it.

[Just try to knock me down! You loser\* assholes! Client—Nest] (Tn: actually it's "reality is not satisfying you asshole!" but we change it to loser to describe people who are not satisfied with reality)

"....."

I took the paper silently.

.....As I am the client, it's okay right?

As your information, since no reward was written, it was free.

".....Haa, let's go home."

Just like I came to the guild, I slowly opened the door, but the difference is, I went outside the door.

".....It's okay now, right?"

I am on my way home right now, but today I decided to go home through a plaza that has a nice view.

It certainly became a little detour, but it's better than being falling down, that's why I choose this road.

It's true that I tear the request that someone I don't know put, but all the people that I saw before, in short, they were people who didn't satisfy with reality, that's why they tripped my feet.

I don't know what to do, I can't decide whether reality is fulfilling enough or not\*, but well, maybe that's how it is. {ED note: loser was adapted here here from a literal expression about that reality isn't fulfilling enough}

And yet, unless the prospects are good, I think I will also try to avoid it.

".....Hmm"

I look around once again, but there seems to be no one for now.

"——Eh?"

At the moment when I thought such a thing, I fell down.

However, as far as I see, there should be nobody around here.

"!?"

I look back in panic, I even forgot to heal myself.

But there's no one there.

I'm sure there was a person with a tremendous speed, it made me a bit angry.

He doesn't need to bother me until this far right?

".....Haa"

However, I can't convey my anger to anybody, I sighed as I faced downward.

".....Ah"

And then, I saw it.

There's a slightly big stone — rolling on the ground.

It's at the place where I was fell down just now.

## Chapter 107 : Just Like a Beast

".....Yosh, let's start today!"

I lightly raise my arm and announced so till it echoed throughout the guild.

Yesterday, I was tired from being tripped over, but after a night had passed, I was able to come to the guild with Lily without any problems.

Well, it's obvious, but I can't help looking at my feet sometimes.

By the way, about the person who put in the request yesterday.

When I asked Aura, with a stiff face she said "I-I don't know".

Since I thought that it's not necessary to ask too much about it, I wrapped up that topic without pursuing it anymore.

It's become a mystery now, oh well.

Rather than that, I need to focus on treatment right now.

Switching my gear, I looked at the patient who was in front of me.

"Haa, let's take a lunch break—"

I heard a sound that was like a complaint that came from inside the guild, but I don't mind.

Why? Because it was the voice of the adventurers that I had already healed.

Also, I didn't need to leave it to Tre either since I was pretty much healing all the patients quickly.

So, we headed towards the door of the guild to have a lunch.

[Gatan!!]

"Eh....."

But, at the moment when I was going to put a hand on it, the door was violently opened and came close to me.

"U-uwaa!!"

Then, someone came in.

And of course, since I was in front of the door, he bumped into me.....

And then he was rolling on the guild floor.

During that time, I noticed that there were three people who entered the guild. One of them was being supported by his shoulders from both sides.

".....Oops....."

I got up slowly and looked at those three to see what happened.

Then, I noticed something.

My hand was stained with blood.

"Ouch....."

At that time, two of the three people stood up.

".....Tte, it's not time to be dazed!"

I said it out loud after thinking so.

"Oi Nest! Can you heal him!? He collapsed near town!"

"Okay, got it!"

When I saw that there was blood on my hand, I had thought that I was the one who was injured, but apparently it wasn't so.

After replying them, I immediately began healing him.

I don't know how deep his wound is, so I better properly heal him this time.

"...Heal"

When I said that, the injured person's body was wrapped in a faint light. The light soon settled down.

"Yosh, he should be okay now"

"I-is that so.....?"

After hearing my words, not only the two people who had brought him, but also the adventurers and staff members in the guild felt relieved.

"Perhaps there weren't any deep wounds"

Just in case, I think it's better for him to rest a little bit more.

"Yosh, let's wake him up and ask a little bit about his situation."

Even though I just healed him, one of the people who brought him here said so. He's really trying to wake him up by slapping him.

There was a cloth wrapped around the collapsed man's head. It made me curious to see the knot gradually loosen as he woke up.

".....Ugh"

The knot was suddenly undone.

"....."

At that moment, everybody inside the guild froze.

I don't think he was a human, since under the cloth, there were the ears of a beast—.

## Chapter 108: The Beast Ears Are Twitching

".....Etto?"

I was confused when the atmosphere inside the guild had changed all of sudden.

The cloth around the head of the fallen person was loosened, and a pair of beast ears appeared.

"Oioi..... isn't it a[Beastman].....?"

At that time, I heard someone say that.

"[Beastman].....?"

I tilted my neck when I heard a word that I had never heard of before.

However, that murmur just now didn't sound welcoming at all.

Conversely, I felt that it was somehow displeased.

"....."

I quietly look around.

Then, all the people avert their eyes and stood silent.

".....Ah, hello, but the treatment is already closed"

As I said so, I support the shoulder of the fallen person and stand him up slowly.

At first, the two people who had brought him to this place had already separated themselves from him and were just staring at him.

".....Well then"

Leaving only that word behind, I open the guild's door slowly while supporting that person.

Someone raised a surprised voice, but it seems better if we go home now.

"Uuunn....."

I looked at the person beside me who had not woken up at all.

I don't know why he had collapsed, but it seems this person is a man.

For now, that's all I know, but I will check his ears again later.

As expected, no matter how I see it, he is like a beast.

"Fuu—"

As a joke, I try blowing on them.

And those beast ears twitch as a result.

"Ooouu....."

It seems it was real, impressive.

I wonder how's the structure like.....

While I was thinking about such a thing, we gradually approached my house.

"Uu..... Wh-where is this.....?"

"Ah, have you woken up?"

When we almost arrived home, the man with beast ears woke up.

"Ha!?"

When that man noticed me, he took a step back at a tremendous speed.

.....Then, he glared at me.

Perhaps, he thinks of me as an enemy.

"Ah, I'm not your enemy, so it's okay. Because you were hurt, I wanted to heal you"

I raised both my hands to show that I mean him no harm.

".....?"

The man seemed hesitant, but since he felt that I am not hostile, he dropped his guard a little.

".....So, where is this?"

After he calmed down, he asked me so.



"Etto, this is my house. When you were found collapsed near the town, some adventurers brought you to my place. Even if I look like this, I can use recovery magic"

".....I see"

After he was convinced of my words, he went back to his original place.

".....Brocell"

"Eh?"

When I thought that he gone silent, he suddenly said that.

"It's my name, Brocell"(Tn: I open for suggestion for the name, ブロセル)

"O-okay. So that's your name"

Apparently, this beast-eared man's name is Brocell.

"I am called Nest. Everybody calls me that"

Because he had introduced himself, I thought it best to also introduce myself.

Brocell then said "So, he is Nest" in a small voice.

Suddenly, I remembered something. I still needed to asked Brocell what had happened.

And of course about the [beast ears] as well.

"Brocell, about those ears..... what are those?"

I asked Brocell while looking at his beast ears.

"Hmm? it's just normal ears, you know?"

He looks confused because he doesn't understand my question.

"I am a[Beastman] after all"

—— It came out again.

I tried to recall it, but as expected, I really have never heard of that word before.

"So, what's with that [Beastman]?"

".....Eh?"

Since I still didn't understand no matter how much I thought about it, I just gave up and asked him. But once again, he made a sound like he understood what I meant.

".....Perhaps, you don't know what a[Beastman] is?"

He asked me what he was thinking of after checking my expression.

"..... Nope, I don't"

From Brocell's reaction, it seems that it's common sense, but I am a country bumpkin after all, so I don't know such a thing.

I felt a bit embarrassed, but I honestly answered Brocell.

".....Haa, then, shall I teach you?"

"Please"

Brocell seems a bit surprised, but he still proceeds to tell me about Beastman.

"Listen. A Beastman is—————"